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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:

WAYNE F. CAMPBELL, 17100123, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 July 1944 at ***, FRANCE. Technician Fifth Grade CAMPBELL, Machine Gunner, Company "A", was the initial target of an enemy ambush upon his company. Though the ground and surrounding vegetation was literally cut to pieces by enemy fire, without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he lifted his weapon off its tripod and, firing it from the assault position, boldly advanced upon the enemy positions. His accurate and sustained fire pinned down the larger portion of the enemy troops, who were firing from behind the hedge rows, enabling the rest of his platoon to move in on both flanks of the enemy and capture or kill them as they huddled in the hedgerow ditches to escape Technician Fifth Grade CAMPBELL's fire. His efforts were directly responsible for relieving the pressure upon his company and enabled them to kill or capture all but two of the enemy ambush group. Entered military service from WICHITA, KANSAS.

HOMER H. JONES, 0461025, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant JONES, Platoon Leader, assumed command of a small provisional company of paratroopers near ***. He was called upon to clear a strongpoint controlling the approaches to a causeway over the MERDERET River. Leading his men, First Lieutenant JONES' group under his aggressive leadership, killed eight Germans, captured seventeen prisoners and succeeded in eliminating the strongpoint. He then led an assault which seized the bridge and established a foothold on the opposite bank until forced to withdraw in the face of overwhelming odds. His gallant actions were instrumental in confining the enemy west of the MERDERET River. Entered military service from NORCROSS, GEORGIA.

JAMES Q. KURZ, 33565032, Sergeant (then Corporal), 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 18 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant KURZ, Squad Leader, Company "B", led one of two assault platoons in an attack against strong enemy forces who had seized a field which was to be used as a landing field for gliders. The enemy's heavy mortar and small arms fire stopped the advancing squads. Realizing the necessity for positive action,

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Sergeant KURZ stood up, rallied his men, and continued across the field. They overran the positions, knocked out two MG's, captured twelve prisoners and killed twenty Germans. Sergeant KURZ' intrepid and inspiring leadership made the attack a complete success. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

ROBERT G. MANGERS, 39258778, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21-22 December 1944 in BELGIUM. Corporal MANGERS, Patrol Leader, led a patrol whose mission was to contact the enemy during the height of the counter-offensive in the *** Area. The vehicle that the patrol was using bogged down and the group was forced to abandon it. An enemy armored force took over the area in which the patrol was located. Corporal MANGERS ordered his patrol to return to our lines. He elected to remain there alone, with an SCR 300, to observe the enemy. For a period of forty-eight hours, disdaining all opportunities to return, he remained in the midst of the enemy, reporting all movements and directing artillery fire upon enemy concentrations in the area. Corporal MANGERS' exemplary bravery and utter disregard for himself in his desire to supply information of extreme value in the halting of the German threat was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from ROSEBURG, OREGON.

HAROLD E. MILLER, 01293297, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Captain MILLER, Company Commander, displayed remarkable courage and ingenuity in attacking a strong pocket of enemy resistance protecting an enemy artillery OP. While two platoons established a base of fire, Captain MILLER personally led the remaining platoon through intense enemy fire, without the benefit of mortar or artillery support because of the proximity of friendly troops, and successfully attacked the enemy flank. The final assault on the enemy positions was viciously executed and forced the enemy group to surrender. As a result of this courageous action he eliminated all enemy action in this sector. Captain MILLER's dominant courage and ability in this action reflects great honor on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MARYVILLE, IOWA.

FRANK C. TAYLOR, 16075582, First Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 13 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Sergeant TAYLOR, (then Sergeant), singlehanded, destroyed an enemy tank which was holding up the advance of his company. About one mile from the town of ***, the company encountered six tanks. They were able to neutralize five of the tanks, but the sixth continued firing. First Sergeant TAYLOR worked his way six-hundred yards to his company's front, to the tank position and hurled a grenade into the motor vents setting it afire. He then jumped on the tank to hurl a grenade inside; however, at this moment the tank exploded, hurling him across the road. This gallant and courageous deed by First Sergeant TAYLOR enabled his company to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

OLLIE B. WICKERSHAM, Jr., 39415704, Corporal, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 7-8 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY on the RHINE River. Corporal WICKERSHAM, Assistant Squad Leader, voluntarily crossed the RHINE River as an engineer boatman to attempt the rescue of some infantry soldiers isolated on the enemy shore. When the rescue boat reached the far shore, the party was fired on by Panzerfausts and machine guns. While other men

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headed the boat back into the river, Corporal WICKERSHAM, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained and opened fire on the German positions, thus distracting the enemy and covering the embarking of the boat. Throughout the night he harrassed the enemy by fire despite artillery and small arms fire directed against him. The following afternoon Corporal WICKERSHAM swam across the RHINE River in daylight with disregard for his own safety. His devotion to duty and his gallant conduct and self-sacrifice reflects the highest credit upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

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:

ADONIS B. BESS, 6338450, Master Sergeant, 666th Quartermaster Truck Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 27 January 1945 to 22 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Master Sergeant BESS, Truck Master and Acting First Sergeant, had great responsibility in connection with keeping the transportation of his unit operating efficiently in the movement of troops to and from battle positions. His enthusiasm, devotion to duty and superior leadership held the respect and admiration of his officers and men. His untiring efforts contributed immeasurably to the superior operating, efficiency and morale of his unit in spite of adverse weather, bad roads, continuous operations and shortage of manpower. Entered military service from GEORGIA.

ROLLO M. NESSETH, 01593748, First Lieutenant, 666th Quartermaster Truck Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 22 February 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND and GERMANY. First Lieutenant NESSETH, Motor Officer, displayed outstanding abilities and devotion to duty in supplying and maintaining the motor vehicles of this unit. His untiring efforts and resourcefulness kept deadlined vehicles to a minimum in spite of frequent shortages of automotive supplies. His personal supervision of driver maintenance in a superior manner has been of major importance to the success of this unit in its support of Airborne Operations throughout two campaigns. Entered military service from NORTH DAKOTA.

JUNIUS W. SPENCER, 33141694, Corporal 666th Quartermaster Truck Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 15 February 1945 in FRANCE, BELGIUM, HOLLAND and GERMANY. Corporal SPENCER, Squad Leader, has obtained superior results from his squad in every way including vehicle maintenance and operation. He has shown himself to be a superior soldier and leader by his personal example and quiet helpful manner. On 15 February 1945 while driving a vehicle he was subjected to enemy shellin. Although wounded by shrapnel in one shoulder, he drove the damaged vehicle out of enemy range, made repairs to it and drove back to his unit. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

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WARREN G. STOCKER, 38210776, Technician Fifth Grade, 600th Quartermaster Truck Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 27 January 1945 to 22 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade STOCKER, Maintenance Man, had the job of supervising and giving aid to all drivers in tire maintenance during this critical period when road conditions, nails and shrapnel were causing as many as 100 punctures on fewer than 50 vehicles in a twenty-four hour period. His unrelenting efforts under extreme weather conditions with very little sleep, or rest enabled this unit to keep all of its vehicles in full operation in spite of the critical tire shortage. Entered military service from ARKANSAS.

FRED W. VANCE, 0366544, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy from 19 December 1944 to 7 February 1945 in BELGIUM. During the aforementioned period, First Lieutenant VANCE continually demonstrated exemplary devotion to duty and extreme diligence in the execution of his duties as Regimental Graves Registration Officer. Despite the difficulties of terrain and weather at all times he effectively and promptly insured appropriate disposition of not only his fallen comrades but the German dead as well. During much of this time he was under all types of fire and engagements with the enemy. His aggressive determination to properly dispose of the dead won the respect and admiration of all members of the Regiment. Entered military service from N. SHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

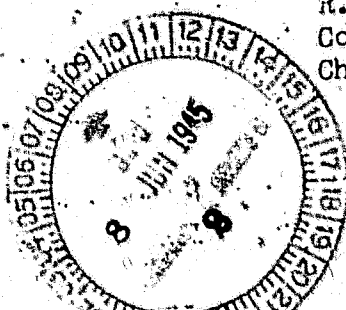
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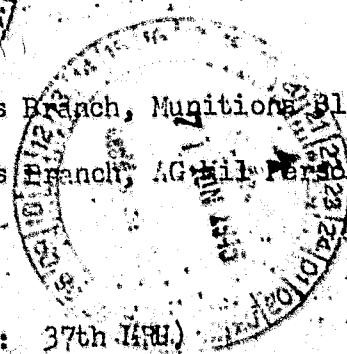
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I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROIC CONDUCT:

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

CLARENCE D. FREDERICK, 15101180, Corporal 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Corporal FREDERICK voluntarily accompanied the Forward Observer across the RHINE RIVER with a 300 radio on his back and maintained radio communication under both heavy enemy artillery barrages and enemy rifle fire. While surrounded, the fifteen infantrymen and artillery party were ordered to infiltrate back to the banks of the river. Corporal FREDERICK elected to carry his radio. This communication enabled the party to reach the boats and return to their own lines. Corporal FREDERICK's heroic conduct throughout contributed materially to the success of the mission. Entered military service from OHIO.

WALTER J. LING, 01287028, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 15 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant LING, Platoon Leader, Company "B", led his platoon during an attack to clear four enemy strongpoints, firmly entrenched in a hedgerow across an open field whose heavy machine gun fire had halted the advance. First Lieutenant LING, seeing his platoon pinned down, leaped to his feet, shouted to his men to follow, and charged across the field firing his rifle. The platoon, inspired, rose and followed him. This charge succeeded in overrunning the enemy and eliminating all four positions. His gallant actions were a credit to himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN R. RICHARDSON, 18019774, Private First Class, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action at ***, GERMANY, on 6 April 1945. Private First Class RICHARDSON not only performed his duties as wireman in a highly efficient manner under heavy enemy artillery fire, but when the artillery observation post was being overrun by enemy tanks and infantry, Private First Class RICHARDSON carried the artillery 609 radio three hundred yards under heavy enemy artillery barrages and enemy rifle fire to the infantry company CP and relayed fire missions from the Forward Observer. He called for concentrations of his own when the Forward Observer was unable to

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fire. By this heroic action he contributed materially to the success of the mission. Entered military service from HENRYETTA, OKLAHOMA.

CHARLES E. SCHMALZ, 15336778, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Technician Fifth Grade SCHMALZ (then Private), Rifleman, Company "A", organized and led a group in the rescue of two officers and two enlisted men of his platoon. Technician Fifth Grade SCHMALZ was a member of a volunteer patrol engaged in making a daylight reconnaissance prior to an attack. The patrol was ambushed and completely surrounded behind the enemy lines. Technician Fifth Grade SCHMALZ volunteered to attempt a breakthrough and secure aid. He succeeded in crawling through the enemy ring and led a rescue party which drove off the Germans. Technician Fifth Grade SCHMALZ' courage and daring saved his companions from death or capture and reflects high praise upon him for his conduct. Entered military service from WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

JOHN V. SCOTT, 32730320, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 across the RHINE River at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class SCOTT, leading scout of a patrol that crossed the RHINE River into the town of *** fearlessly led his patrol through numerous enemy outposts, killing many Germans. On two occasions he was ordered to halt by the enemy but refused. He fought his way alone to within 50 yards of the enemy CP where he could observe the enemy's activities, and secured important information for his platoon leader. His heroic and courageous actions were a great factor in the patrol's success and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

ROY K. SKIPTON, 0463943, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant SKIPTON displayed gallantry and leadership of the highest order when a company of crack SS Infantry attacked his positions. Although heavy fire was being directed upon him, First Lieutenant SKIPTON exposed himself repeatedly as he contacted each member of his platoon, encouraging them and directing their fire. When his right flank was overrun, he withdrew his men so skillfully that he inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. First Lieutenant SKIPTON then swiftly redeployed his platoon under heavy fire and succeeded in frustrating the attacking Germans. His courageous leadership in the face of overwhelming odds hurled the enemy back with over forty dead and stopped their advance. Entered military service from LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS.

JAMES W. SMITH, 6887995, First Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Sergeant SMITH, Company "B", during an attack on a heavily defended hill, volunteered to remove and evacuate casualties lying in a field exposed to enemy fire. His company had suffered considerable casualties in men and medical personnel. First Sergeant SMITH worked with unceasing efforts for eleven hours under heavy enemy fire, harrassed at times by sniper fire. He disregarded his own personal safety and administered first aid to the wounded. He succeeded in evacuating many seriously wounded men. First Sergeant SMITH's gallant actions were responsible for saving the lives of many wounded. Entered military service from ELIZABETHON, TENNESSEE.

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

Under the provisions of AR (OO-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 DAMIANOV, 33025675, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 June 1943 to 29 March 1945. Technical Sergeant DAMIANOV, Platoon Sergeant, materially aided his platoon throughout five combat operations. On numerous occasions under enemy artillery and mortar fire, Technical Sergeant DAMIANOV exercised initiative and ingenuity in placing the guns of his platoon. Through wide tactical experience and great physical exertion, Technical Sergeant DAMIANOV has in every instance fulfilled his duty in an exemplary manner. Technical Sergeant DAMIANOV's actions reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

CARL M. HERN, 35168363, First Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 10 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. First Sergeant HERN, Regimental Headquarters Company, distinguished himself in every campaign by his unselfish devotion to duty. His performance as Regimental Radio Chief was superior in every respect, maintaining radio communications under the most difficult situation and overcoming all types of handicaps. His ability and tireless efforts in leading others through difficulties were an inspiration to the men under his command and a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, INDIANA.

JAMES H. IRVIN, 01288901, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 July 1943 to 28 March 1945. As platoon leader in SICILY, company executive officer in ITALY and company commander in NORMANDY and HOLLAND, he always put the comfort and safety of the men of his command before his own and held the highest respect and cooperation of officers and men associated with him. In each campaign, First Lieutenant IRVIN was an example and inspiration to his men by his devotion to duty and disregard for his own personal safety. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

WILLIAM E. JONES, 15090601, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 July 1943 to 20 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant JONES participated in four Airborne Combat missions. He was wounded in HOLLAND but refused to be evacuated until so ordered by his commanding officer. He took command of his squad during the BELGIAN Campaign and his persistent courage and excellent leadership over a long period of time and through hazardous missions under trying weather

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conditions were outstanding and a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SOMERSET, KENTUCKY.

LEONARD M. McDONALD, 39087564, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 10 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Sergeant McDONALD, Regimental Headquarters Company, distinguished himself in every engagement of the Regiment by his conscientious efforts and tireless devotion to duty. As squad leader and later as platoon sergeant, Sergeant McDONALD efficiently led his demolition squad and platoon and accomplished all missions with the greatest degree of coolness and courage. His courage and leadership was an inspiration to all his men and a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA.

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

So much of Section III, General Orders No. 22, dated 26 February 1945, as pertains to commendation for outstanding achievement on 3 January 1945 in BELGIUM is amended to include the following individuals:

T Sgt Robert B. Nidy R830335 Tec 5 Rudy F. Krusick 35135462

IV -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates indicated:

Pfc	Robert A. Warner	19099997	MP Platoon	1 Oct 43	ITALY
			82d Abn Div	25 Dec 44	BELGIUM

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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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 Corp., Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual:

JOSEPH HALL, 01824859, Second Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27-28 December 1944 near *** and ***, BELGIUM. During the period 27-28 December 1944, Second Lieutenant HALL, Platoon Leader, Company "D", volunteered for several hazardous patrol missions against the enemy. As a result of Second Lieutenant HALL's aggressive action, valuable information concerning enemy strength and the composition of units was gained. On the 28th of December, Second Lieutenant HALL proceeded with five men to the vicinity of ***, BELGIUM. He carried with him a mortar tube and twenty rounds of ammunition. Securing a vantage point from which he could overlook the village, Second Lieutenant HALL and his men fired the twenty rounds of 60mm mortar shell into the street against a group of the enemy. Severe casualties were observed to have been caused by this fire. Second Lieutenant HALL's great personal courage, and the manner in which he conducted his patrols, was responsible for inflicting severe losses upon the enemy and was instrumental in disrupting an attack upon this sector. His conduct and gallantry reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SALEM, NEW JERSEY.

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

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REX G. COMBS, 01824725, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 17 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant COMBS, Platoon Leader, Company "A", landed by parachute with his men about 2500 yards from the drop zone inside GERMANY. Though subjected to immediate small arms and automatic fire, First Lieutenant COMBS organized his group and by his daring courage unhesitatingly led an attack on the enemy positions in an effort to rejoin his unit. First Lieutenant COMBS, though wounded in the plane by flak prior to the jump, attacked with such speed and ferociousness, was successful in killing over twenty-one of the enemy and causing fifty-nine to surrender. Throughout this attack, First Lieutenant COMBS demonstrated exemplary and gallant courage in directing the fire and movements of his men. First Lieutenant COMBS' actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

III -- 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 individual:

JOHN J. MCGILLOWAY, 35619132, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 12 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When his Battalion Commander and Commanding Officer of Company "E" attempted to cross the RHINE River at night to rescue a wounded officer on the far side, their boat capsized and they called for help. Despite the fact that he knew the current was swift and treacherous, Private First Class MCGILLOWAY, a driver, unhesitatingly stripped and dove into the water. When he reached the spot where the call had come from, no swimmers were in sight. He swam about in search of the officers until exhausted and was finally swept down the river and into the superstructure of a sunken barge offshore. Realizing that further search was useless he rested and swam the remaining distance to shore. Private First Class MCGILLOWAY's courageous action in disregarding the unknown currents and lack of visibility in an effort to save a life at the risk of his own was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

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

JAMES H. MILLER, 01168379, First Lieutenant, 319th 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 16 April 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. On all of these missions, First Lieutenant MILLER was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from REDAN, GEORGIA.

V -- 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:

STANLEY WEINBERG, 01307694, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action from 26 to 29 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant WEINBERG, Platoon Leader, Company "D", voluntarily led patrols into enemy held territory on three different occasions to secure information concerning the enemy's troop dispositions and weapons employed. Even though he ran into heavy enemy fire, First Lieutenant WEINBERG completed his missions successfully. His courage, aggressiveness, and superb combat leadership were an inspiration to all his men and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.

VI -- 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:

RALPH F. BERTANZETTI, 33263575, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 7 January 1945 in ITALY, SICILY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and The ARDENNES. Technician Fourth Grade BERTANZETTI, Bazooka Gunner and Radio Operator during these five operations, proved himself to be courageous and dependable, and showed a devotion to duty in keeping with the traditions of the Airborne Soldier. In the dangerous and difficult positions of bazooka gunner and 300 radio operator, Technician Fourth Grade BERTANZETTI's conduct was exemplary. His stamina in keeping pace with the company commander under fire while carrying the 300 radio was an important factor in keeping communication with higher headquarters. At all times

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his superior performance has reflected great honor upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from FREDERICKTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

SIDNEY L. GOLDSTEIN, 01324530, First Lieutenant, 82d CIC Detachment. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 5 April 1945 to 25 April 1945 in the vicinity of ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN was acting Counter-Intelligence Officer of the 82d Airborne Division in thickly populated hostile areas recently overrun by the Allies, and constantly infiltrated by displaced persons, refugee civilians and German soldiers in civilian clothes. With inadequate personnel at his disposal, First Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN materially contributed to the Division's excellent counter-intelligence performance in the *** area, in which no major acts of sabotage or subversion were committed against the Division; a number of subversives were arrested; and over 800 German soldiers in civilian clothes were detected and imprisoned. First Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN's conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT.

JOHN BICKFORD HENDERSON, 0124543, Captain, 605 Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in GERMANY. Captain HENDERSON, Commander of Company "B", displayed superior leadership, initiative, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty in leading his unit into combat. His company was assigned a variety of missions all of which were accomplished successfully and under heavy enemy fire and difficult conditions of weather and terrain. On one occasion he was captured by the enemy with one of his officers. By quick action on their part the sentry was disarmed and returned to our lines as a prisoner of war. His personal courage, attention to duty, unceasing attention to the welfare of his men, and his record of successful accomplishment of difficult missions in the face of heavy enemy fire is a credit to the military service.

WILFRED McKNIGHT, 16084631, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 18 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Corporal McKNIGHT, Platoon Scout, during all four combat jumps made by this unit conducted himself in a heroic and exemplary manner in the execution of his duties, accepting grave responsibilities without consideration of personal danger. During the ARDENNES Campaign Corporal McKNIGHT, while acting as first scout, encountered a machine gun nest. By his own aggressive action he reduced it by maneuvering close enough to it to score a direct hit with his Gammon Grenade. Throughout his entire Airborne Service he has been courageous and efficient, at all times rendering important service to his organization. Entered military service from SIX MILE RUN, PENNSYLVANIA.

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TOM E. MOSES, 35060936, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 6 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Private First Class MOSES, Company Aid Man, contributed materially to the combat efficiency of the company by his exceptional devotion to duty. His unceasing care for the health of the officers and men was particularly conspicuous in combat when he often braved intense and accurate small arms fire to treat wounded men. His fruitful efforts did not slacken when he became sick. He refused evacuation, as he was the only aid man in the company, and continued his work with even greater vigor until finally it was necessary for the company commander to order him evacuated. Private First Class MOSES' loyalty and extreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from KENT, OHIO.

CLIFFORD PUTMAN, 32252196, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 25 February 1945 in BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant PUTMAN, Squad Leader, Company "E", gave a conspicuous demonstration of extreme courage and devotion to duty when he took command of his platoon in combat, when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded. He personally led the men in the attack, directing and adjusting their fire. Under his dominant and exemplary leadership his platoon gained its objective. This action is an epitome of Staff Sergeant PUTMAN's work with this regiment since its activation. He has at all times proved himself an untiring and unselfish leader to reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from WATERTOWN, NEW YORK.

MARKUS RUPANER, 16049454, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1943 to 20 September 1944 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, and HOLLAND. Corporal RUPANER, Rifleman and Radio Operator, throughout these combat operations, conducted himself in an exemplary, courageous and unselfish manner, always putting the good of his organization before his own. On numerous occasions, by his fluent use of the German language, he has talked groups of German soldiers into surrender. This, in turn, has saved the lives of many men of his unit. His conduct is in keeping with the highest standards of the American Paratrooper. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

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EDWARD E. SHELTON, 01996368, First Lieutenant, 165th Signal Photographic Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 20 December 1944 to 17 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. First Lieutenant SHELTON, Signal Photographic Officer attached to the 82d Airborne Division, working against extremely difficult climatic conditions of snow and cold with a minimum of facilities, succeeded in obtaining maximum photographic coverage of front line combat activities. Press distribution of his photographs of the Division's combat activities exceeded that of any previous campaign. His duties were accomplished with unremitting cheerfulness and refusal to accept defeat by trying circumstances. First Lieutenant SHELTON's conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

LEONID SHESHUNOFF, 33351829, Technician Fifth Grade, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 15 April 1945 to 27 April 1945, and 2-4 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade SHESHUNOFF acted in the first period as interpreter and assistant to the officer in charge of a camp for liberated Russian persons at ***. During 2-4 May 1945, in the vicinity of ***, GERMANY, Technician Fifth Grade SHESHUNOFF acted as interpreter for commanders of echelons to and including Corps, upon the meeting of the Russian Army and the 82d Airborne Division. The tact and skill displayed by Technician Fifth Grade SHESHUNOFF during these periods contributed greatly to the successes achieved in both missions in which he assisted so outstandingly. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

RAYMOND L. SPAFFORD, 34212129, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 10 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant SPAFFORD, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, distinguished himself in every engagement of the regiment by his undivided attention to duty. As Supply Sergeant he was confronted with the task of supplying men on various outposts on line with different battalions, and forward CP's. Through determination and perseverance, Staff Sergeant SPAFFORD kept everyone fully equipped at all times. Staff Sergeant SPAFFORD's loyalty and conspicuous efficiency in combat is a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORT JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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WORTHINGTON S. TELFORD, JR., 0397266, First Lieutenant, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 September 1943 to 9 May 1945 in ITALY, HOLLAND, NORMANDY, BELGIUM and GERMANY. First Lieutenant TELFORD, Battalion Communications Officer, maintained communications with all batteries under the most trying conditions of dispersion. He planned carefully the most advantageous use of wire and radio, utilized much salvage and captured equipment and worked tirelessly for long hours under difficult circumstances. He accompanied the foremost elements of the CP group and personally supervised the laying of wire, establishment of radio relay stations, and the expeditious repair of faulty equipment. His untiring attention to duty, his skill, courage and perseverance reflects credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from DULUTH, MINNESOTA.

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*JAMES B. THOMPSON, 01170222, Captain, 605th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in GERMANY from 14 February 1945 to 3 May 1945. Captain THOMPSON as Company Commander of Company "A" displayed superior leadership, initiative, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty in leading his unit into combat. His company was assigned a variety of missions all of which were accomplished successfully under heavy enemy fire, difficult conditions of weather and terrain. His personal courage, attention to duty, unceasing attention to the welfare of his men, and his record of successful accomplishments of difficult missions in the face of heavy fire is a credit to the military service.

ANDREW J. TOMASCIN, 35291581, Staff Sergeant, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 6 June 1944 to 18 February 1945. As Clearing Platoon Leader, Staff Sergeant TOMASCIN displayed originality and keen intelligence in the training of enlisted men and distribution of personnel and equipment within the clearing station to obtain maximum efficiency. His tireless devotion to duty and conscientious aggressive leadership when casualties exceeded the theoretical capacity of the company contributed materially to the efficient medical care rendered the wounded. Entered military service from AKRON, OHIO.

ARTHUR VON BEHREN, 33360779, Technician Fourth Grade, 506th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 5 June 1943 to 10 February 1945. Technician Fourth Grade VON BEHREN, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, distinguished himself by his devotion to duty in aiding his organization in preparation for five combat missions. Technician Fourth Grade VON BEHREN displayed the utmost ingenuity, initiative and technical skill constructing protective framework and various devices to safeguard communication and other equipment dropped in airborne operations. By virtue of his untiring efforts, Technician Fourth Grade VON BEHREN contributed greatly to

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the success and efficiency of his unit in combat and garrison.
Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

HENRY J. WOLF, 32871135, Master Sergeant, IPW Team 40, MIS, European Theater of Operations, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 16 December 1944 to 17 February 1945, and from 5 April 1945 to 3 May 1945. Master Sergeant WOLF, in the capacity of a prisoner of war interrogator, exhibited industry, initiative and outstanding professional proficiency in his analytic interrogation and document work. As interpreter between the Commanding Generals concerned upon the occasion of the unconditional surrender of the German 21st Army to the 82d Airborne Division, Master Sergeant WOLF's poise, alertness, and linguistic ability greatly facilitated the conduct of this important negotiation. Master Sergeant WOLF's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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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 is awarded to the following named individuals:

REX G. COMBS, 01824725, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. In the attack on Hill 131, First Lieutenant COMBS' Company encountered a force of approximately sixty Germans who had been bypassed by the leading elements of the Battalion. The enemy attacked the left flank of the company with heavy machine guns and machine pistols, achieving such a surprise by this attack that the company was pinned down and was in danger of being forced back with heavy losses. Taking six men, First Lieutenant COMBS crawled forward to a point of vantage from which he could observe the enemy. Deploying his men so as to give him covering fire, First Lieutenant COMBS rushed forward with a TSMG with such ferocity that he killed fifteen Germans and captured forty-five. First Lieutenant COMBS' heroism and gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

JACK R. ISAACS, 01288069, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Captain ISAACS, Commanding Company "G", by skillful and aggressive leadership, led his company through an attack that completely neutralized five enemy pillboxes and caused the death or capture of thirty-nine of the enemy. Captain ISAACS after issuing his attack order accompanied his leading platoon in the assault and by skilled leadership and voluntary exposure to heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire directed the attack to a successful end. This gallant act of leadership and personal bravery by Captain ISAACS enabled his company to accomplish its mission with a minimum of casualties and is in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BURLINGAME, KANSAS.

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HARRY YACHECHAK, 0887890, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant YACHECHAK, Platoon Leader, by skilled aggressive leadership, moved his platoon across open ground to accomplish a dangerous mission with a minimum of losses to his own unit. First Lieutenant YACHECHAK, though wounded during the initial action, skillfully closed on his objective through heavy small arms and artillery fire; displaced his platoon and weapons to its best advantage and personally exposed himself to enemy fire in order to cover the advance of his platoon. First Lieutenant YACHECHAK's heroism was the deciding factor in neutralizing two pillboxes and the capture or killing of ten of the enemy. Entered military service from GARFIELD, NEW JERSEY.

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:

JAMES R. ALLMAND, JR., 0540730, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant ALLMAND led an assault on heavily fortified positions in the heart of the town, knocked out many enemy strongpoint and succeeded in reaching their objective. His group was subjected to enemy artillery fire pounded by small arms fire from every direction. The advance was held up at one point by an enemy machine gun, but First Lieutenant ALLMAND crawled close to the position and succeeded in knocking it out with hand grenades, killing the three man crew. First Lieutenant ALLMAND's bravery and leadership reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from EL PASO, TEXAS.

WILLIAM J. BRUNSMAN, 01312747, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Second Lieutenant BRUNSMAN, Platoon Leader, skillfully and successfully captured two pillboxes and neutralized a third with a minimum of losses to his unit. After receiving a fragmentary field order, he quickly orientated his platoon and moved them across open ground by employing marching fire. When he neared the first objective Second Lieutenant BRUNSMAN quickly placed his automatic weapons to cover the ports and with his lead scouts maneuvered to the rear of the pillbox where he mounted the pillbox and threw Common Grenades down the chimney until all of the enemy surrendered. Although wounded through the foot in this action, Second Lieutenant BRUNSMAN continued to direct his platoon through its second and final objective. This act of courage and skill by Second Lieutenant BRUNSMAN was in keeping with the traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA.

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RICHARD R. HALLOCK, 01321116, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 and 7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. When his platoon was counterattacked by an enemy battalion employing rifle grenades; panzerfaust, machine guns and supported by 88mm fire from two medium tanks, First Lieutenant HALLOCK wisely selected and defended his positions, ably organized and expertly executed his plan of defense. By his personal courage and judicious leadership his platoon was able to hold back enemy forces threatening to overrun his company CP. By his dauntless stand many American lives were saved, approximately two companies of Germans were killed or wounded, and large enemy reserves were diverted thus materially assisting the swift and spectacularly successful capture of large German forces in the RUHR Pocket. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

GEORGE A. JOHNSON, 01055048, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 and 7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant JOHNSON displayed excellent leadership abilities and initiative in personally leading the attack on numerous heavily defended strongpoints and roadblocks throughout the town killing some twenty and capturing thirty of the enemy. Just after dark, First Lieutenant JOHNSON personally killed five of the enemy attempting to set up a machine gun within twenty five yards of his CP. When his position was overrun he quickly withdrew his men to a secondary position and continued the fight. The aggressive action and conduct of First Lieutenant JOHNSON reflects the highest credit upon himself and his organization and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

MILLARD W. NOBLES, 0447175, Captain, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For gallantry in action on 6-9 June 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. Captain NOBLES' glider landed several miles from the landing zone near a strong enemy position and was immediately attacked by small arms and mortar fire. Acting coolly and displaying great courage, Captain NOBLES assembled the six men with him and led them to a place of safety in a ditch where they were captured. When an infuriated German began firing at one American soldier who was slow in leaving the ditch, Captain NOBLES lowered his hands and advanced on the German soldier, and fully realizing the great personal risk ordered him to cease firing. Without waiting for a reply, he turned his back, walked to the American soldier, and assisted him from the ditch. The conduct of this officer under the most hazardous conditions reflects credit on the Medical Department and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from AMARILLO, TEXAS.

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RICHARD O. PRENDERGAST, 0441270, First Lieutenant, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For gallantry in action on 28 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant PRENDERGAST, Section Leader, led an eight-man night patrol across the ELBE River to the German shore to the south. He moved his patrol eastward across the marshes toward a farmhouse, where he had observed a sentry on duty. With utter disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant PRENDERGAST stormed the house, overwhelmed the guard and completely surprised the sixteen occupants. He returned to the river and crossed to the friendly shore with the prisoners during the early daylight hours. This gallant action enabled the Division, through prisoner interrogation, to successfully attack and cross the river the following day. Entered military service from VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK.

WILLIAM D. SACHSE, 01997765, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 15 December 1943 on HILL 950 near ***, ITALY. After leading his platoon through a heavily mined area on HILL 950, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) SACHSE went forward alone into the enemy lines. While returning to his men, he found himself completely cut off and surrounded by the enemy. Second Lieutenant SACHSE fought his way through the encircling ring of enemy, killing and wounding many, and returned safely to his men with invaluable information as to the enemy's plan of attack. His platoon was able to inflict very heavy casualties on the enemy before they were forced to withdraw because of lack of ammunition. Second Lieutenant SACHSE's great courage and aggressive leadership typifies the best traditions of the American Parachute Officer. Entered military service from HOUSTON, TEXAS.

EDWARD J. SIMS, 01286021, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Having crossed the WAAL River with the initial assault wave, First Lieutenant SIMS courageously led his platoon over 600 yards of open terrain, knocking out each strongpoint, one by one until he reached the Northern end of the vital railway bridge. Here he established a base of fire with automatic weapons and fearlessly charged the bridge, killing thirty enemy and trapping over two hundred. Using tracer bullets, First Lieutenant SIMS directed fire on the enemy, killing many more and forcing the rest to surrender or jump into the turbulent river. First Lieutenant SIMS' leadership and aggressiveness in the face of fanatical resistance contributed materially to the success of the operation and was in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HAMILTON, OHIO.

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

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

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LOUIS G. MENDEZ, JR., 023262, Lieutenant Colonel, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 7 and 8 January 1945 near ***, ***, and ***, BELGIUM. Lieutenant Colonel MENDEZ, Commanding Officer, Third Battalion, executed with success an attack on ***, BELGIUM, during the final phases of the attack in the ***, ***, and *** area under extreme conditions of winter fighting. The Regimental attack in columns of Battalions, Third Battalion leading, was pressed through snow in extreme cold weather across an area which was under direct enemy observation and fire, but Lieutenant Colonel MENDEZ' unyielding determination and rapid readjustment of his force to meet the situation led them to rapid seizure of the objective. During the attack the Battalion captured or destroyed nine artillery pieces, two Mark IV tanks, and seven miscellaneous vehicles. The success achieved was in great measure due to Lieutenant Colonel MENDEZ' sound and inspiring leadership. Entered military service from TRINIDAD, COLORADO.

EDWARD N. WELLEMS, 024484, Lieutenant Colonel, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period May 1 - 2 1945 in GERMANY. Lieutenant Colonel WELLEMS, Commanding the Second Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry, successfully planned, directed and controlled the enlargement of the *** Bridgehead across the ELBE River in his unit's assigned sector. Jumping off at 0500 hours on 1 May 1945, Lieutenant Colonel WELLEMS personally led his battalion during the next thirty hours over a distance of some forty miles, overrunning and securing several towns, taking uncounted thousands of prisoners and effecting the unconditional surrender of the 5th Jaeger Division. Lieutenant Colonel WELLEMS' superb leadership and tactical skill reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from MILES CITY, MONTANA.

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 following named individuals are awarded the Bronze Star Medal:

WALTER H. BARRETT, 34601026, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 14 September 1944 to 12 October 1944 in HOLLAND. Corporal BARRETT, Radio Operator, Company "B", on one occasion volunteered to lead a contact patrol whose mission was to establish communications with a vital roadblock. He successfully accomplished his mission. During the entire patrol the group was forced to travel along a route subjected to enemy mortar and small arms fire. Corporal BARRETT's entire service has been on a high plane. He has been a courageous, efficient soldier. Entered military service from WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

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ROBERT J. BRODERICK, 39192574, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 17 February 1945 in NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Sergeant BRODERICK, Platoon Sergeant, (then Squad Leader), Company "F", served with his regiment through all of its campaigns in the European Theater. By his calm efficiency, and his capacity for anticipating enemy capabilities, Sergeant BRODERICK has been a valuable contribution to the success of his company's missions. In the attack on ***, FRANCE, his skill in maneuvering his squad resulted in the capture of six 20mm guns. He - at all times - has demonstrated an exemplary devotion to duty, and his coolness under fire has inspired his men to great efforts. Entered military service from SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

WILBURN F. CLARK, 39020969, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 17 February 1945 during the NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. Corporal CLARK, Assistant Squad Leader, Company "F", has never missed a single day of combat duty with this regiment during three campaigns. During the BELGIUM Campaign, although suffering intensely from exposure, he refused to be evacuated, and performed so aggressively as to be an inspiration to the members of his squad. Entered military service from SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

JOSEPH V. DeMASI, 0444605, First Lieutenant, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the periods indicated: 17 September 1944 - 10 November 1944, HOLLAND; 16 December 1944 - 17 February 1945, BELGIUM and GERMANY; and 10 April 1945 - 4 May 1945, GERMANY. First Lieutenant DeMASI, commanding the Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division, developed his unit to a high level of fighting efficiency. First Lieutenant DeMASI's outstanding leadership is reflected in the superior manner with which the Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division, accomplished its missions in a series of operations. Under First Lieutenant DeMASI, his platoon has maintained high morale under the most trying combat conditions. First Lieutenant DeMASI's gratifying guidance of his unit reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from NEW VILLAGE, NEW JERSEY.

WILLIAM W. HOWE, 31059429, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 24 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant HOWE, Battalion Supply Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, demonstrated a high degree of devotion to duty and personal courage during a withdrawal to new defenses. To insure that no ammunition or weapons fell into enemy hands, Staff Sergeant HOWE personally supervised the loading while the

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enemy was pushing forward determinedly. In spite of mined and barricaded roads, he succeeded in removing all equipment and ammunition. His zealous efforts rendered a valuable service to his organization. Entered military service from WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

DONALD L. KING, 36641535, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 12 February 1945 in NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. In HOLLAND, when his squad leader was wounded, Sergeant KING (then Corporal), assumed command of his squad and in that capacity displayed exemplary courage and leadership. Near ***, BELGIUM, he further distinguished himself in withdrawing his squad without loss, leading them through heavy fire to the assembly point through the enemy which surrounded his positions. Sergeant KING's consistently displayed devotion to duty, courage and efficiency. Entered military service from OELWEIN, IOWA.

DONALD E. MONGER, 0376105, Captain, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 May 1944 to 21 February 1945. Captain MONGER, Battalion S-2, displayed outstanding devotion to duty and ability in preparation for and during combat operations in NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. While in combat he was responsible for the collection of information of vital importance to his own as well as to other units and its prompt report to higher headquarters. During all operations he rendered invaluable service in selection of positions for the battalion, spending long hours on personal reconnaissance, often under fire in exposed and open areas. His tireless effort, conscientious attention to duty and his initiative have contributed greatly to the successful operation of his battalion in combat. Entered military service from INDIANA.

ARTHUR SANCHEZ, 19176299, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 14 November 1944 during the NORMANDY and HOLLAND Operations. Private First Class SANCHEZ, Scout, Company "F", participated in two campaigns with this regiment and his performance in combat was superlative. He has consistently demonstrated exemplary devotion to duty and exceptional courage while under fire. As a scout, he was always far to the front in the attack. His aggressiveness and alertness under extreme combat conditions has earned him the admiration of all his associates. Entered military service from NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

ROYAL R. TAYLOR, 01292614, Major, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 4 - 6 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Major TAYLOR, then Captain, was given the command of the Second Battalion during the attack on HILL 95 on 4 July 1944. The battalion had suffered heavy losses and was understrength and in danger of disorganization. He stimulated and revitalized the battalion, made

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numerous personal reconnaissances under heavy fire, evaluated the enemy's defenses, and within a few hours launched an attack which took the immediate objective. On 5 July 1944 Major TAYLOR personally discovered an enemy group forming for counter-attacks and directed such punishing artillery and mortar fire upon them that the attack never was able to materialize. On 6 July 1944 he led an attack in conjunction with other forces which wiped out an enemy pocket of resistance. Throughout these difficult days, Major TAYLOR's superior tactical ability and inspiring leadership under fire was responsible in great measure for the successful completion of the battalion's attack missions. Entered military service from MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

JOHN H. THOERNER, 0325355, Captain, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 June 1944 to 21 February 1945. Captain THOERNER was command Liaison Officer with supported infantry units in NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Working long periods without rest and under extremely hazardous and difficult conditions, he planned artillery fires for direct support of the infantry. His appreciation of infantry needs and artillery potentialities produced the maximum effective fire at critical points in spite of rationed ammunition and communication difficulties. On numerous occasions this artillery fire successfully broke up enemy attacks and permitted friendly infantry to seize vital objectives in a minimum of time and with reduced casualties. Captain THOERNER's high degree of professional skill reflects the highest credit upon the artillery and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK.

GORDON W. WAHTO, 19145952, 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 FRANCE, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. During this time he demonstrated a high degree of leadership, courage and ingenuity. During both the NORMANDY and HOLLAND Campaigns, he has assumed the duties of an officer, when his platoon leaders became casualties, and performed with such skill and efficiency that the platoons he led were outstanding in their performance. Sergeant WAHTO's inspiring courage and ability imbued the men of his platoon with a confidence and esprit de corps which marks his service as being outstanding. Entered military service from DOUGLAS, ALASKA.

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V -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

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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:

ROBERT J. EDWARDS, 16068043, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For gallantry in action on 2 May 1945 in the *** Forest near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class EDWARDS, Scout, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, dismounted when the reconnaissance vehicles were halted by extremely intense fire from an enemy machine gun guarding the entrance to a German Command Post. Advancing alone against the position, he killed the crew with a BAR and was highly instrumental in forcing the personnel of the Command Post to surrender. His heroic action prevented the loss of life to members of his own section and greatly aided their advance into enemy territory. Entered military service from URBANA, ILLINOIS.

WILLARD N. YOUNG, 39827457, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 and 7 April 1945 in ***, GERMANY. Sergeant YOUNG, Rifleman, led a squad defending two sides of his platoon's command post against the onslaught on one company. Such was the accuracy of his judgment and the efficiency of his command that his men were able to hold back the enemy forces for more than eight hours. Sergeant YOUNG, with his Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, personally killed eight to ten enemy machine gunners, though himself once stunned and wounded by panzerfaust blast. By his daring aggressiveness and capable leadership, Sergeant YOUNG exemplified the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DARBX, MONTANA.

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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:

WILLIAM L. BLANK, 13063565, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant BLANK, Squad Leader, acting as Second Scout, was instrumental in the final capture of a pillbox after his platoon sergeant was wounded. Sergeant BLANK advanced through the artillery fire toward the pillbox and was fired upon, but immediately returned the fire and ran to the rear of the pillbox and climbed to its top. From his position on the top of the pillbox, Sergeant BLANK threw German Grenades down the chimney and finally forced the surrender of the enemy. This act of bravery and quick thinking by Sergeant BLANK was instrumental in the killing of one of the enemy, the surrender of fourteen, resulting in the complete accomplishment of the platoon's mission. Entered military service from RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

FRANK S. CLUGSTON, 37730619, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class CLUGSTON, an acting non-commissioned officer, displayed initiative and aggressive leadership during the crossing of the RHINE River and the assault upon the town. He quickly moved inland and noted an enemy machine gun strongpoint holding up the advance of the second wave. On his own initiative he immediately attacked the position located in an anti-personnel mine field. After killing three Germans overrunning the position, Private First Class CLUGSTON entered the mined area under heavy enemy rifle fire to aid six of his squad who had been wounded. Though wounded himself, he refused to be evacuated until the other wounded members of his squad were safe. Private First Class CLUGSTON's actions exemplify the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURG, KANSAS.

WILLIAM A. MacDONALD, 34052804, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant MacDONALD, Platoon Sergeant, was instrumental in knocking out a pillbox and forcing the surrender of nine enemy. When about thirty yards from the foot of the hill his platoon came under heavy small arms fire from a pillbox. Staff Sergeant MacDONALD voluntarily moved towards its rear entrance until hit in the head by rifle fire. Though seriously wounded, he crawled forward until he reached a point from which he could reach the top of the pillbox. From there Staff Sergeant MacDONALD threw grenades down the chimney until the enemy surrendered. This act of gallantry by Staff Sergeant MacDONALD resulted in the capture of nine of the enemy with a negligible loss to his own unit. Entered military service from MIAMI, FLORIDA.

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CHARLES R. NICKERSON, 31425737, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For gallantry in action on 2 May 1945 in the vicinity of ***, GERMANY. Private First Class NICKERSON, Rifleman, without regard for his own personal safety or an order from his section officer, advanced alone toward the enemy while his entire patrol was pinned down by severe small arms and machine gun fire. In a daring rush, Private First Class NICKERSON wiped out one machine gun nest and then attacked the position of two snipers and assisted in wiping them out. His outstanding initiative and courage in the face of the enemy served as an inspiration to the members of his patrol and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

JOHN J. SCHENKEL, 32638327, Private, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For gallantry in action on 2 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private SCHENKEL dismounted from his jeep when his section was pinned down by severe machine gun fire and with complete disregard for his own personal safety advanced down the fire-path and threw a grenade at the enemy position within a building. When the grenade exploded it killed six Germans and set fire to the house. He was seriously wounded as a result of this action. Private SCHENKEL attempted to prevent the medical aid man from going to his assistance for fear that the raging fire would explode a store of ammunition and injure him. Private SCHENKEL's gallantry was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

MARION SHAGDAI, 33690098, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During a night assault the platoon of which Staff Sergeant SHAGDAI was a member became pinned down by intense crossfire from two enemy machine guns. Staff Sergeant SHAGDAI made a lone assault on the enemy gun positions. With utter disregard for the enemy fire focused upon him, he crawled close to the first gun, threw two hand grenades and fired upon the crew with his sub-machine gun, killing them all. The second gun immediately turned its fire upon him, but Staff Sergeant SHAGDAI coolly and courageously stood his ground and forced the crew of the second gun to flee. Staff Sergeant SHAGDAI's courage and unflinching devotion to duty enabled his platoon to proceed without further delay. Entered military service from HERMINE, PENNSYLVANIA.

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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:

JOE H. BOONE, 38229591, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant BOONE, Squad Leader, Company "A", was in charge of a squad whose mission was that of locating and reducing four enemy strong-points. Sergeant BOONE deployed his squad, and walked boldly erect to draw fire from the positions. In this manner he located three of the suspected positions, which were then attacked by his squad and neutralized. In this action, Sergeant BOONE personally killed two Germans. His heroic conduct reflects creditably upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from OLNEY, TEXAS.

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

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

ERNEST W. ANDERSON, 59275230, Private First Class, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 1 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Two squads of an antitank platoon were given the mission to cut off the enemy's escape route. Private First Class ANDERSON, driver for the lead squad, was driving the 1/4 ton truck toward their destination when they began to receive heavy small arms fire from the enemy on their left and one 57mm antitank gun was put into action. Private First Class ANDERSON's 1/4 ton truck was hit several times and was leaking gasoline rapidly. The muzzle flash of the gun ignited the gasoline. Realizing the danger of the gas tank and ammunition exploding, Private First Class ANDERSON, with utter disregard for his personal safety, leaped through the flames into the jeep, and drove it clear of the flames. The squads, due to Private First Class ANDERSON's action, were able to continue their fire and completely eliminate the threat, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The exceptional determination, calmness under fire, and conspicuous bravery of Private First Class ANDERSON reflect credit on the high standards of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

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LEROY J. BALSER, 35901558, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. When the enemy attempted to flank the machine gun position which he was ordered to protect, Private BALSER, a rifleman, in the face of overwhelming odds and intense enemy fire, fearlessly left his position of cover and charged the enemy, killing one and wounding two others and forcing the remaining enemy to flee. Even though he was himself wounded, Private BALSER remained at his position and fought off repeated enemy attacks intended to infiltrate his platoon's defensive line. Private BALSER's tenacious courage and devotion to duty prevented the penetration of his platoon's defensive line at a critical juncture in the fiercely fought engagement for the town of ***, BELGIUM, and were a credit to the high traditions of the American Parachute Infantryman. Entered military service from LAFAYETTE, INDIANA.

GEORGE F. BANKS, 35254509, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class BANKS, light machine gunner, Company "B", led the mission of holding his platoon's right flank in a defensive position. When the enemy attacked the force, Private First Class BANKS killed and wounded many of them with his accurate fire. When he was out of ammunition he remained in his position firing his pistol at the enemy. Private First Class BANKS' actions were instrumental in slowing down and stopping the enemy drive, and were in keeping with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from BENTON, KENTUCKY.

WILLIAM J. BEACH, 01324821, First Lieutenant, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in action on 2 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant BEACH, Section Leader, advanced alone under a severe small arms and machine gun fire to aid the wounded of a mine blasted jeep from his patrol. First Lieutenant BEACH found several of the men dead but recovered one of the mortally wounded from the wreckage. With complete disregard for his own personal safety he advanced to aid another dying man. His gallant act in the face of extremely heavy enemy fire proved an inspiration to the men and incited them to advance swiftly and clear out the enemy strongpoint. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

HOMER B. BOHANNON, 14107817, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24-25 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private BOHANNON, LMG Gunner, Company "B", manned his position during an ordered withdrawal, under concentrated enemy fire. Acting in conjunction with a BAR man he succeeded in holding the enemy. When Private BOHANNON observed a target which he could not neutralize, he crawled to the BAR gunner under heavy machine gun and small arms fire, informed him of the target, and then returned to his own position. Not until he had expended his last round of ammunition and been ordered to leave, did Private BOHANNON withdraw. His courage and determined performance of duty

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aided the orderly withdrawal of his unit. Entered military service from DOUGLAS, ALABAMA.

J. D. COLLIER, 13118847, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant COLLIER, Mortar Squad Leader, Company "B", during a withdrawal, set up his mortar in an open space, there being no defilade position available, and proceeded to fire on the approaching enemy. With only ten rounds remaining, he fired at a range of 200 yards, using direct observation under enemy 20mm fire, causing twelve enemy casualties. He deployed his men so skillfully that they contributed further toward slowing - then stopping - the Germans' advance. Entered military service from STONEGA, VIRGINIA.

ODIE L. COMPTON, 37725365, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 to 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class COMPTON, Light Machine Gunner, Company "A", destroyed two enemy machine gun nests, killed four Germans and prevented an enemy attacking force from penetrating his position. In the attack two enemy machine guns opened up on his position. He returned the fire until both enemy positions were rendered ineffective. Through the night, at times dazed by artillery concussion, he held his position and prevented all attempts by the enemy to penetrate through his sector. His act of heroism, skill and devotion to duty made him an outstanding example to all those with whom he served. Entered military service from HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA.

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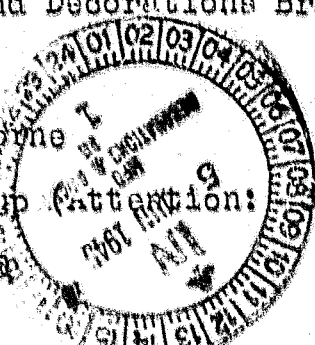
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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

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:

CLARENCE E. ABLES, 34876743, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class ABLES, a machine gunner, was a member of the squad designated to attack an enemy strongpoint. There was no cover available and Private First Class ABLES was forced to set up his gun out in the open under heavy machine gun, mortar, rifle and 80mm fire. He was immediately knocked from his gun and seriously wounded, but in spite of this he crawled back to his gun and moved it to a position to where it could be manned by his assistant gunner. When the gun was back in action, Private First Class ABLES allowed himself to be evacuated. Private First Class ABLES' fearless and courageous act reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI.

BERNARD F. GALLAGHER, 18088966, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 11 September 1943 at ***, ITALY. While carrying a message to his Company CP, Staff Sergeant GALLAGHER (then Private First Class) was intercepted by a six man German patrol who ordered him to surrender. Having been instructed as to the importance of the message, Staff Sergeant GALLAGHER, courageously, with odds six to one against him, fought it out with the enemy, killing two and forcing the remaining four to retreat. He delivered the message in time for his company to withdraw to a defensive position which prevented a possible breakthrough by the enemy. Staff Sergeant GALLAGHER's courageous and fearless act reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FLUSHING, NEW YORK.

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JAMES J. KILCULLEN, 36737264, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class KILCULLEN, a Communication Wireman, crossed the WAAL River with the assault company which was pinned down by fire from enemy machine guns and mortars. Private First Class KILCULLEN, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, jumped from his protected position to assault an enemy machine gun nest. Running and crawling he attacked the enemy position with a pistol and Gammon Grenades, putting the gun out of action. Private First Class KILCULLEN's actions resulted in an acceleration of the attack and his courageous conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS.

HENRY J. KLEE, 32264499, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal KLEE, Assistant Squad Leader, was advancing with his squad to attack a strongly held enemy roadblock. When he was 400 yards away the enemy opened fire, pinning down the entire squad. At this crucial moment, Corporal KLEE jumped to his feet and dashed forward into the intense direct fire, calling on his squad to follow. At close range he opened fire on a flak-wagon, forcing the crew to abandon their vehicle. Corporal KLEE was hit in the leg and head. Badly wounded and unable to move, he shouted instruction to the men following, enabling them to advance and destroy another enemy flak-wagon without further casualties. Entered military service from FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY.

ROBERT W. KOEHLER, 36840477, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. During a patrol across the RHINE RIVER into the town of ***, GERMANY, the patrol ran into heavy - almost fanatical - resistance. Private KOEHLER, heedless of the danger involved - crawled forward and knocked out a strongly defended enemy position, killing two of the enemy and forcing the others to flee. For one hour he held the position alone, manning one of the enemy machine guns and repelling each attempt to infiltrate our lines. Private KOEHLER's conspicuous bravery, loyalty and devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of the operation and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

DONALD E. LORD, 11023652, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 in ***, GERMANY. Private First Class LORD, BAR Gunner, advanced against an enemy strongpoint which was delaying the advance of his platoon. He killed two and captured eight of the enemy. He then voluntarily assisted the first squad which was being violently counterattacked,

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and was in a large measure responsible for repulsing the attackers and capturing thirty four enemy. Private First Class LORD's aggressiveness inspired others of his platoon and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Army. Entered military service from MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ALEX G. MILLER, 12005495, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6-7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Sergeant MILLER dashed through a hail of small arms fire into enemy lines where he killed and wounded an unknown number of German soldiers and temporarily disorganized a counterattack. When his squad was eventually cut off from the rest of the company by overwhelming numbers of the enemy, he directed his men through a break in the enemy lines and covered them with his accurate rifle fire. He then crawled back into enemy territory to search for one of his missing squad members. His steadfast devotion to duty, and fighting spirit inspired all with him and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ABILENE, TEXAS.

HAROLD J. McNEILLY, 36520835, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 and 7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Company "A" was weathering a severe counterattack by enemy forces estimated at battalion strength supported by medium armor augmented by barrages from light and medium artillery. Private McNEILLY, Rifleman, fought at his roadblock outpost with his rifle, gammon and fragmentation grenades and panzerfausts retrieved from the enemy. He assisted notably in holding back for eighteen hours numerically superior infiltrating forces which threatened to overrun his platoon's nearby command post. By his dauntless and daring stand in the face of thick enemy fire, Private McNEILLY conducted himself in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

JOHN A. SANTO, 36541832, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 11 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Leading a squad through an unknown mine field, Sergeant SANTO, proceeded with extreme caution but despite his care a mine was tripped, wounding six men, including himself. Completely ignoring his own wounds, he crawled to each casualty and applied first aid. As soon as the wounded were treated he carried them to safety, although he was fast losing his strength due to shock from his own wounds and loss of blood. Sergeant SANTO's heroic efforts and his devotion to his comrades aided greatly in saving their lives and typifies the spirit of the American Paratrooper. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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EDWARD J. ZAMKOWSKI, 36347850, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. When the rest of the unit was pinned down by terrifically heavy enemy fire, Private First Class ZAMKOWSKI quickly moved to an exposed position and opened fire upon the enemy with effective and demoralizing results. The Germans caught completely by surprise were unable to prevent him from advancing and his withering machine gun fire forced them to retreat. Private First Class ZAMKOWSKI's daring attack forced the enemy to desert strongly fortified positions without further resistance. His courage and disregard for his own personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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

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

ROBERT S. BASTRAW, 31178770, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in action on 2 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class BASTRAW, lead vehicle driver, swerved his jeep to avoid a flying panzerfaust aimed at his car, which contained five members of his platoon. The panzerfaust landed within ten feet of the jeep and only slightly wounded two of the men. Private First Class BASTRAW then stopped the jeep, and while his men dismounted and advanced along the ditch, he exposed himself to further fire by enemy gunners. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class BASTRAW stood behind his jeep-mounted .50 caliber machine gun and accurately fired at the enemy positions. Through his quick thinking and willingness to expose himself, Private First Class BASTRAW saved the lives of his comrades. Entered military service from LACONIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

JOHN P. FOLEY, 01287332, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant FOLEY, Platoon Leader, Company "A", at the risk of his own life advanced down the center of a road in order to draw fire from the enemy who had ambushed his company. The enemy, estimated at 68 men, were well hidden in the hedges. First Lieutenant FOLEY, deployed his platoon, and with a BAR boldly walked forward, drawing fire upon himself. He directed the fire of his platoon on hidden targets and personally accounted for several enemy casualties. His personal courage and daring eliminated the ambush, allowing the company to continue their attack. Entered military service from VINELAND, NEW JERSEY.

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FRANK R. HERNANDEZ, 39258029, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 January 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant HERNANDEZ, Squad Leader, Company "B", singlehandedly routed six Germans and killed two others of a combat patrol which attacked his squad positions. With one burst of a BAR he killed one German. Moving swiftly, he raced under fire to a position fifty yards to his right and brought flanking fire to bear upon the remainder. His first burst killed another German. Confused because of the swift change in fire, the patrol became disorganized and fled. His swift appraisal of the situation gained him the upper hand and allowed him to beat off the Germans before they could penetrate our lines. Entered military service from PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA.

DEWEY HOLLINGSWORTH, 35673784, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class HOLLINGSWORTH, Aid Man, during a heavy attack by the enemy in the vicinity of ***, BELGIUM, voluntarily went forward under fire and located and repaired a break in communication lines. A communication sergeant had previously attempted to repair this break but was killed. Private First Class HOLLINGSWORTH, under heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, succeeded in reestablishing vital communications. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself. Entered military service from CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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

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

GORDON F. ADAMS, 20899966, Private, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 5 May 1945 in NORMANDY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Private ADAMS, Scout, proved himself an exceptionally and fearless soldier by continuously serving as a lead scout on the platoon's numerous reconnaissances and engagements deep in enemy territory. He has always gained the most thorough and reliable information to enable his section to complete its mission with extreme success. His fearless aggressiveness has always been an inspiration to the members of his platoon, and his ability to safely lead his section through enemy outposts and front lines has instilled confidence and admiration in his comrades. His entire combat actions have been a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PAWNEE, OKLAHOMA.

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JEFFERSON M. COOK, 6399594, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 10 April 1945. Corporal COOK, Assistant Demolitions Squad Leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, distinguished himself in all engagements in which his regiment participated. He demonstrated a high degree of courage and efficiency in the presence of great personal danger and often insured the safety of his men by diverting enemy fire to himself. His diligence, perseverance and ability and his habitually cool courage on all combat missions reflects great credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

RAY A. MARKER, 35291091, Sergeant, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 30 April 1945 to 3 May 1945 near the ELBE River, GERMANY. Sergeant MARKER, Communications Chief of the Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division, in addition to his duties as Communications Chief, operated the radio at Headquarters for four days and kept a radio watch for three nights when casualties had deprived his section of all communications personnel. He checked and made necessary adjustments to the teams radios regardless of the hour of day or night. Sergeant MARKER's unselfish devotion to duty was in keeping with the finest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

BERNICE W. WICKER, 34213365, Technician Fourth Grade, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 3 May 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technician Fourth Grade WICKER, Communications Sergeant, devoted himself to the task of repairing radio equipment and maintaining communication with elements of his section and platoon while on combat and reconnaissance patrols with the enemy, often necessitating moving to extremely hazardous positions across exposed terrain during all types of weather and adverse conditions. His tireless efforts greatly facilitated the successful operation and his platoon was an example and inspiration to the members of his unit. Entered military service from SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

WILLIAM D. YOUNG, 39085652, Technician Fourth Grade, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 1 May 1945 to 3 May 1945 east of the ELBE River, GERMANY. Technician Fourth Grade YOUNG, Communications Sergeant, maintained radio communications within his section, and between the section and the platoon Command Post by keeping his radios active at all times. This often necessitated his moving the radio jeep in hazardous positions across exposed terrain to maintain signal communications with the forward and rear echelons. His tireless efforts and devotion to

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duty greatly facilitated the successful operations of his platoon. Entered military service from LONGMONT, CALIFORNIA.

IV — 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 on the date indicated:

Pvt Joseph A. Batugowski 6976648 307th Abn 20 Sep 45 HOLLAND
Engr Bn

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

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

RICHARD G. ALLEMANG, 15333304, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 11 December 1943 near ***, ITALY. Technician Fifth Grade ALLEMANG, attached medical aid man, worked his way into the lines of the attacking enemy forces through successive counterattacks; under heavy enemy automatic and small arms fire to bring back wounded. Although wounded himself he refused to stop his vital work until his company was relieved and the attack beaten off. Throughout this fiercely fought engagement against a superior force of enemy, Technician Fifth Grade ALLEMANG displayed a steadfast devotion to duty and unflinching courage which reflected the highest credit upon himself and typified the highest traditions of the Medical Corps in which he serves. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

HAROLD J. FREEMAN, 31341969, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 6 and 7 April 1945 in ***, GERMANY. Company "A" was weathering a severe counterattack by enemy forces estimated at battalion strength, supported by medium armor and barrages from light and medium artillery. Private First Class FREEMAN, BAR man, unorderd, remained at his roadblock outpost with his BAR, Gammon and fragmentation grenades, and panzerfausts retrieved from the enemy. He assisted notably in holding back for eighteen hours numerically superior infiltrating forces which threatened to overrun his platoon's nearby command post. His dauntless and daring stand was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WILLIAMSLICK, CONNECTICUT.

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VERNON E. FRENCH, 36220326, Sergeant, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in action on 1 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant FRENCH, Section Sergeant, volunteered to lead a five man patrol across a broad open field to observe enemy positions in the bordering forest. Upon reaching the forest, Sergeant FRENCH killed two enemy riflemen and proceeded forward against the German dug-in positions to within fifteen yards of a German 40mm aircraft gun about to be destroyed by its crew. Disregarding his own personal safety, Sergeant FRENCH remained in that position during the demolition and fired upon an enemy rifleman who was about to shoot a man from his section. Sergeant FRENCH's devotion to duty in remaining in an extremely dangerous position prevented the loss of a comrade's life. Entered military service from WYOCENA, WISCONSIN.

SAM KARMITZSKI, 33394958, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class KARMITZSKI, Acting Assistant Squad Leader, Company "A", singlehanded prevented an enemy reconnaissance element from crossing a bridge over the SALM River, when his squad was acting as security for a demolition section to blow the bridge. Private First Class KARMITZSKI, alone, moved forward to the bridge and with a rifle and grenades drove the enemy back. Private First Class KARMITZSKI was so close to the bridge that upon its destruction he was wounded by flying debris. He refused to be evacuated and held his position until ordered back. His unselfish devotion to duty enabled the demolition section to complete their work and destroy the bridge. Entered military service from WEST BROWNSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

RIGOBERTO LEDESMA, 39249511, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 17 September 1944 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class LEDESMA, Machine Gunner, Company "A", landed inside GERMANY and received machine gun and rifle fire from an enemy strongpoint. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he secured his gun and ammunition from his equipment bundle. Singlehanded he carried his weapon and ammunition to a position where he could fire on the enemy strongpoint. His fire enabled other men in his small group to close in on the enemy position. As a result of Private First Class LEDESMA's action the strongpoint was reduced. His actions were instrumental in enabling his group to reach their unit, killing several Germans, and bringing back fifty nine prisoners. Entered military service from SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

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THOMAS J. B. SHANLEY, 021828, Lieutenant Colonel, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24-25 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Lieutenant Colonel SHANLEY, Regimental Executive Officer, commanding covering elements, holding an area against the advance of overwhelming enemy forces, was attacked in strength hours before the estimated time and overrun. With a very small Regimental CP group, Lieutenant Colonel SHANLEY organized a temporary defense. Utilizing radio communications he extricated the majority of the covering forces and assembled them in ***. Radio communication with one group was disrupted, but Lieutenant Colonel SHANLEY delayed withdrawal until the last moment in an effort to contact the isolated men. When the position became untenable he withdrew with exceptional skill and succeeded in falling back to regimental positions without further loss. His achievement in this critical period reflects great credit upon himself and rendered a valuable service to his regiment. Entered military service from BUTTE, MONTANA.

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

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

ROBERT L. DAVIS, 34449675, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant DAVIS, Squad Leader, (then Corporal) led an eight-man patrol deep into enemy territory to gain information as to the size and disposition of the enemy that was known to be building up in the area. On the way back the patrol was detected and attacked on all sides with small arms. Staff Sergeant DAVIS calmed his men and skillfully directed them through marshes until they were clear of the enemy lines. Through his coolness and efficiency he brought back information that proved valuable in subsequent operations. Entered military service from LOMASTON, GEORGIA.

SEYMOUR FLOX, 13123372, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade FLOX, Company Medic, cross the WAAL River with the initial assault wave in the face of heavy enemy mortar, 20mm, and automatic small arms fire and remained on the bullet swept beach rendering medical aid to wounded men still in the boats. He then proceeded across bare level terrain under intense enemy machine gun fire and continued administering first aid to his wounded comrades. At no time during the above mentioned acts did Technician Fifth Grade FLOX consider his own personal safety. His display of extreme courage at a critical period was an inspiration to all of his comrades. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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CLAUDE E. HALL, 15339500, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private HALL, Machine Gunner, was covering a road block when his position was counterattacked by approximately a platoon of enemy infantry and an enemy tank. He permitted the attacking force to come within less than one hundred yards of his position. Private HALL then opened fire killing and wounding several of the enemy. His machine gun was knocked out and his assistant wounded. He then proceeded to rescue his wounded comrade by carrying him 600 yards over exposed terrain, finally evacuating him across the RHINE River. Private HALL's conduct is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DAYTON, OHIO.

DAVID L. HAUSHALTER, 42119063, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 and 7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Company "A" was weathering a severe counterattack by enemy forces estimated at battalion strength, supported by medium armor and barrages from light and medium artillery. Private HAUSHALTER, Rifleman, long after the dictates of personal survival demanded retreat, remained unordered at his roadblock outpost with his rifle, Gammon and fragmentation grenades and panzerfausts retrieved from the enemy. He assisted notably in holding back for eighteen hours numerically superior infiltrating forces which threatened to overrun his platoon's nearby command post. His dauntless and daring stand was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BELLMOUR, NEW JERSEY.

SAMUEL H. HOOVER, 33163510, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private HOOVER, Machine Gunner, singlehanded, covered all escape and firing ports of a pillbox. He moved himself voluntarily to an exposed position from which he could support the platoon's attack and engaged an enemy machine gunner and riflemen. Private HOOVER held his exposed position covering all firing ports and exchanged round for round with the enemy until the rifle squad forced the enemy to surrender by use of Gammon Grenades. This heroism by Private HOOVER enabled the platoon to fully accomplish its mission by killing one of the enemy and causing twelve to surrender with a loss of but one man to themselves. Private HOOVER's actions are in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK.

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JOHN D. KENNELLY, 13124412, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During the attack on the town, with five tanks, Technician Fifth Grade KENNELLY, BAR Man, conspicuously accompanied the lead tank and had the mission of protecting their flanks from bazooka fire. The road was under such incessant artillery, mortar and anti-tank fire that two tanks were knocked out. Despite all these hazards, Technician Fifth Grade KENNELLY clung to his mission until it was accomplished and the company had assumed a defensive position. This demonstration of courage of the highest order immeasurably aided the entire battalion mission and reflects great credit upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

ROBERT K. MILLS, 11105398, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry, For heroic conduct in action on 3 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Sergeant MILLS, Squad Leader, Company "B", while on a patrol prior to an attack on HILL 131, observed a group of enemy dug in along a hedge. Sergeant MILLS engaged this group, and in the ensuing fire-fight six of the enemy were killed. He personally accounted for three. Trying to drive deeper into the area held by the Germans, the patrol came under withering fire. Signaling his men to withdraw, Sergeant MILLS stayed behind until his patrol had withdrawn and fought his way back to them. His courage and cool judgment allowed the patrol to return with valuable information on enemy strengths and dispositions and was accomplished without the loss of a single man. Entered military service from WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

WOODROW W. MILLSAPS, 01303923, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 15 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Captain MILLSAPS was a platoon leader, Company "B". During an attack his platoon became pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire. At an opportune moment he and two of his men moved to the enemy's right flank. The two men with him were killed, but he continued his advance, drawing the enemy fire on himself. This diversion of the enemy fire enabled the adjacent platoon to successfully assault the enemy position, swinging the tide of battle in Company "B"'s favor. Captain MILLSAPS' heroic action and intrepid leadership was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA.

AUDRIS PHILLIPS, 34288737, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class PHILLIPS, Machine Gunner, aided the company in knocking out five pillboxes with a minimum of casualties. Private First Class PHILLIPS, in the absence of orders, moved his gun to a position from which he could

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deliver fire on enemy installations and support the attack of his platoon. He stuck to his gun and continued his fire in the face of heavy return fire until seriously wounded in the face. This act of heroism by Private First Class PHILLIPS aided materially in reducing casualties to his own unit, and is in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

SHERMAN VAN ENWYCK, 12151239, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant VAN ENWYCK, Squad Leader, Company "A", seeing his platoon pinned down by automatic fire, charged the enemy position, drawing the enemy fire upon himself allowing his men to move forward. He personally accounted for four Germans during these actions. Staff Sergeant VAN ENWYCK's complete disregard for his own safety and the courageous example he set for his men was largely instrumental in the accomplishment of his company's mission. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

CHARLES E. ZASTROW, 01321861, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 13 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Second Lieutenant ZASTROW, Platoon Leader, was instructed to take a patrol across the RHINE River in daylight and contact a friendly unit. Upon debarking the lead scout set off an enemy mine which wounded Second Lieutenant ZASTROW in the head. In spite of the wound he advanced rapidly through the mined area, contacted the friendly unit and executed an exchange of information invaluable to the units concerned. Second Lieutenant ZASTROW's seriousness of purpose and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from WASHOE, WISCONSIN.

III -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL AND OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal and the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates indicated:

S Sgt Edmund J. Burke 13053773 Hq Co 12 Dec 43 ITALY
82d Abn Div 17 Sep 44 HOLLAND

IV -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 27, 1944:

So much of Section V, General Orders No. 27, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, dated 31 May 1944, as awards the Purple Heart Medal to Sergeant Sylvester H. Meigs, 19103044, 505th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart Medal having been previously awarded.

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
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I -- 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 individual:

FRANKIE PULICARO, 20254529, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 31 March 1945 at CAMP ***, FRANCE. Private First Class PULICARO, Rifleman, with complete disregard for his personal safety rushed into a kitchen tent which had caught fire from an exploding gasoline stove and pulled a cook to safety. The cook was aflame from gasoline which had fallen on him. Private First Class PULICARO using his own body to smother the blaze, managed to extinguish the flames thus saving the cook's life. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from HEMPSTEAD, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

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

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

WIMBERLY M. MORGAN, 01181381, First Lieutenant, 319th 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 7 November 1944 to 10 April 1945, in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. On all of these missions, First Lieutenant MORGAN was exposed to enemy antiaircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from LEESBURG, FLORIDA.

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III -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in letter 200.5 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

LEROY LANCE 01182625, Second 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 December 1944 to 12 April 1945. On all these missions, Second Lieutenant LANCE was exposed to enemy antiaircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from ECKLEY, COLORADO.

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 individual:

JAMES W. SMITH, 6887995, First Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 June 1944 at ***, FRANCE. First Sergeant SMITH distinguished himself during one phase of the attack when his platoon was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire, within sixty yards of his platoon. Disregarding the heavy fire, First Sergeant SMITH rose to his feet, shouted for his men to follow, and led them in a charge upon the enemy. The qualities of leadership and personal heroism that First Sergeant SMITH exhibited at this time was a prime factor in his company's successful attack and gained him the respect of the officers and men of his company. Entered military service from ELIZABETHON, TENNESSEE.

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:

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WILLIAM D. GIER, 39106833, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class GIER, Radio Operator, who was moving near his platoon leader, voluntarily left that position when the platoon drew automatic fire from the unguarded left flank and ran through heavy mortar and small arms fire to the endangered flank. From an exposed position he returned the fire of the enemy with his rifle, silenced the German gun, and secured the flank of the platoon from counterattack. This soldier's resolute courage is in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES D. KEY, 6595013, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private KEY, BAR Gunner, completely exposed, moved aggressively toward his platoon's objective through heavy small arms fire and engaged all enemy weapons with a volume of fire that rendered them ineffective. Under cover of this close-in supporting fire, two pillboxes were taken. This heroic act of Private KEY with utter disregard for his personal safety materially aided his platoon in accomplishing its mission with a minimum of casualties and is in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE.

PAUL W. MAASS, 32224564, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. The platoon in which Private First Class MAASS was a member was subjected to heavy automatic and small arms fire which inflicted numerous casualties, abruptly halting its advance. Private First Class MAASS upon his own initiative led his squad across open fire-swept terrain to a position from which it was able to inflict heavy casualties upon the enemy and force them to take cover. This allowed the remainder of his platoon to withdraw without further casualties. Private First Class MAASS' quick thinking and personal initiative reflects great credit upon himself and upholds the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

FRANK F. MEDRANO, 39564767, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private MEDRANO, Rifleman and Lead Scout, successfully led his platoon and the company across 1500 yards of rough wooded terrain and under enemy fire. By quick accurate situation estimates and a will to close with the enemy, he successfully neutralized and forced the withdrawal of the enemy without delaying his company's movement. Private MEDRANO's heroic accomplishments, carried the company successfully through booby trapped areas with a minimum loss of time and without loss to his own platoon. These actions by Private MEDRANO are in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TUCSON, ARIZONA.

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JOHN R. RAZUMICH, JR., 20539965, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant RAZUMICH, Squad Leader, whose company mission was to seize the road net into the town against skillful delaying action supported by a great deal of artillery fire while the enemy felled trees on the highway, saw through the ruse. With utter disregard for personal safety he rushed the enemy demolitionists firing as he ran. He was wounded in this action but succeeded in preventing the enemy from blocking the road and the attack from bogging down. This timely and aggressive act by Sergeant RAZUMICH, accomplished through personal sacrifice, reflects great honor on himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from GARY, INDIANA.

HARTSEL H. SCHOOLCRAFT, 35749310, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class SCHOOLCRAFT, Rifleman, advanced 200 yards over exposed terrain to reach a fellow soldier who had been seriously wounded after his BAR had jammed and lay in an exposed position. He administered first aid to the wounded soldier, helped evacuate him to a safe position, then returned over the same dangerous route to the BAR position, placed the jammed gun in action and inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy. Private First Class SCHOOLCRAFT's heroic performance played a large part in routing the enemy in this sector. Entered military service from SUTTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

FORREST L. SMITH, 36454676, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant SMITH, (then Corporal), voluntarily manned a machine gun whose operator had been killed and which was still the target of the enemy's concentrated fire. With his group reduced from twenty three to nine men and four machine guns knocked out and under a hail of fire that ricocheted off his gun, Sergeant SMITH fearlessly exposed himself to almost certain death to cut down wave after wave of onrushing Germans. He remained at his post until blinded by an exploding Panzerfaust. His courage and devotion to duty saved the position from annihilation and was responsible for the security of his Battalion's flank and was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.

HARRY N. SMITH, 38463230, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Blasted from his position on a roadblock by tank fire, Sergeant SMITH withdrew his squad into a new position. When the enemy flanking attack threatened to encircle his new position, Sergeant SMITH advanced alone towards the enemy killing and wounding several and temporarily halting the attack. Sergeant SMITH withdrew his men a second time to a fortified building from which his squad beat off numerous determined attacks until rescued by friendly forces.

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Sergeant SMITH's fearless courage and his skillful tactical leadership saved his squad from a most serious situation. His actions throughout this bitterly fought engagement reflect credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

WILLIAM L. SMITH, JR., 33229785, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Company "G", attacking through the *** FOREST, unexpectedly encountered a number of strongly held enemy pillboxes and entrenchments. Corporal SMITH voluntarily and unhesitatingly exposed himself and moved across the open ground immediately in front of the pillbox. Receiving intense fire, Corporal SMITH continued to move to a point above the pillbox where he delivered such a volume of accurate fire with his rifle that it caused the enemy to close its firing ports. He crawled closer and threw Gammon Grenades in the door of the pillbox, dazing its occupants and allowing his platoon to move in. The courage and heroism of Corporal SMITH was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

HENRY W. VOGES, 18106157, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant VOGES, initially pinned down by automatic fire, left his covered position to return to his squad which was in defilade and move them into a position from which they could support an attack. Sergeant VOGES skillfully led his men into position and quickly set them up to cover enemy emplacements, thus allowing freedom of movement for the remainder of the company. Sergeant VOGES voluntarily exposed himself frequently and enabled his squad to deliver accurate fire on the objective. This heroic act by Sergeant VOGES at the risk of his own personal safety was a contributing factor in the taking of the objective. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

RAY L. WALKER, 35615808, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. While posting an OP to the right of a minefield, Staff Sergeant WALKER heard a cry of help from his platoon leader in the middle of the field. Although the night was pitch black and the field was under heavy enemy mortar and 20mm fire, he unhesitatingly entered the field where he found his assistant squad leader dead and his platoon leader seriously wounded. After carrying his platoon leader to safety he again entered the field and carried out the body of his dead assistant squad leader. Staff Sergeant WALKER's courage and unselfish gallantry was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and typified the highest traditions of the American Parachute Infantryman. Entered military service from JACKSON, OHIO.

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JAMES L. WARNER, 34479656, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Furnishing flank protection for a group of American tanks during the attack on ***, Private First Class WARNER accompanied the lead tank and was under incessant artillery, mortar and anti-tank fire. He was slightly wounded but clung tenaciously to his mission until it had been completed and his company had assumed a defensive position. Only then did he allow himself to be evacuated. This demonstration of courage of the highest order immeasurably aided the entire battalion mission and reflects great credit upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MISSISSIPPI.

ROGER E. WILSON, 15322794, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 February 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. During a determined enemy counterattack which caused casualties among the platoon to which Technician Fifth Grade WILSON was attached as a medical aid man, he left a position of cover, unmindful of intense 20mm and automatic weapons fire, to aid a seriously wounded comrade. Under a hail of fire, Technician Fifth Grade WILSON dragged the wounded man to a position of safety where he rendered first aid, after which he carried the man to the battalion aid station. Technician Fifth Grade WILSON's courage and high conception of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps in which he serves. Entered military service from FORT HAYES, OHIO.

ALVIN L. YOCUM, 39385673, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During the assault crossing of the WAAL River, the boat in which Technical Sergeant YOCUM was riding was severely damaged by enemy gunfire and several of its occupants were killed and wounded. Technical Sergeant YOCUM remained upright in the boat and single-handedly guided it to the north bank of the river. After giving first aid to the wounded men he reorganized his men and led them in an assault on the enemy positions which were overrun. Technical Sergeant YOCUM's cool courage under fire and his intrepid leadership resulted in the routing of the enemy from well fortified positions on the WAAL River. Entered military service from PORTLAND, OREGON.

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-25, 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:

ROCKWELL R. EASTON, 39086406, Technician Fourth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 May 1945 near ~~***~~, GERMANY. While on a wire patrol, Technician Fourth Grade EASTON was standing next to his vehicle when a passing Tank Destroyer exploded a large magnetic mine and blew it on top of his jeep. Although stunned and badly bruised, Technician Fourth Grade EASTON and his crew immediately went to the burning Tank Destroyer, the ammunition of whose guns was exploding violently, and aided in the removal of its occupants. The wire to one of the forward units was broken by the force of the explosion. He began to repair this wire amid exploding shells from the burning Tank Destroyer. While engaged in this hazardous work, Technician Fourth Grade EASTON was killed by flying shrapnel from the exploding ammunition. His unflinching devotion to duty and unsurpassed courage typify the spirit of the American Parachute Infantryman. Entered military service from SALINAS, CALIFORNIA.

* MANLEY J. MERRILL, 42089432, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For gallantry in action on ~~30~~ April 1945 near ~~***~~, GERMANY. Private First Class MERRILL, supporting the First Battalion of the 505th Parachute Infantry, ferried his jeep to the far shore of the ELBE River through heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire in order to evacuate casualties from an aid station on the bridgehead. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he drove his vehicle through heavy artillery fire over dangerous roads toward the aid station. A few hundred yards from the shore, Private First Class MERRILL's jeep struck a buried land mine which exploded, destroying the vehicle and killing him instantly. His courageous and exemplary action and complete devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Medical Department and Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORTSTVILLE, NEW YORK.

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STERLING L. CLIFT, 38537757, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class CLIFT, a bazooka man, covering a road block, displayed great courage during an enemy counterattack. When enemy infantry had infiltrated behind his position and an enemy tank and two flak wagons were strafing his area with withering fire, Private First Class CLIFT volunteered to stay on his post. With his bazooka and gammon grenades he killed ten and held off the numerically superior enemy until his position was overrun and he was mortally wounded. The initiative, courage, and devotion to duty of Private First Class CLIFT were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TEXAS.

JAMES H. WALTERS, 3864309, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 1 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class WALTERS, acting as platoon scout, courageously made a survey of enemy-held ground, located a strong enemy position, and reported its location to his platoon leader, then voluntarily led a patrol to the enemy position. The patrol made contact with the enemy and in the ensuing fire fight, Private First Class WALTERS was seriously wounded by machine gun fire and later died in the hospital. Private First Class WALTERS' service was a credit to his organization and was in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from AKRON, OHIO.

II -- AWARE 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.

JESSE F. COX, 20954947, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private COX, an assistant bazookaman, covering a roadblock, displayed great courage during a heavy enemy counterattack upon his position. Even though he could have withdrawn to another position, Private COX elected to stay on his post despite the overwhelming enemy superiority. In the ensuing fight he killed twelve of the enemy at a range of less than seventy-five yards from his position before he was seriously wounded. The great courage and devotion to duty shown by Private COX is a credit to himself and his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

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III — AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE:

Under the provisions of AR 500-45, 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:

OLA DAVIS, 15090648, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in ITALY, SICILY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Sergeant DAVIS has shown outstanding qualities of leadership and has proven himself to be highly competent in combat as a Message Center Chief. He has repeatedly and without regard for his own personal safety exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to get his messages to the proper places. His efficiency and ability to handle his runners has been far above the average. Sergeant DAVIS' attitude, personal aggressiveness, and actions exemplify to the highest degree the traditions of the United States Army Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY.

HOYT L. LAMB, 34034120, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1943 to 10 April 1945. Corporal LAMB, Demolitionist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, distinguished himself in combat and garrison by his tireless attention to duty, outstanding courage and resourcefulness in all engagements in which the Regiment participated and in demolition training of his organization. Corporal LAMB repeatedly led his demolition squad in successfully accomplishing all missions. His efficiency and courage reflect great credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA.

MARION M. MILLER, 6274419, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service from 9 July 1943 to 8 April 1945. Private First Class MILLER, Demolitionist, has during four combat operations with this regiment, displayed outstanding courage, efficiency and devotion to duty in carrying out all missions assigned to him. He was especially outstanding in the successful action of his Demolition Squad in BELGIUM. His willing and diligent work in combat and garrison reflects great credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CHEYENNE, WYOMING.

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PRENTICE L. MURRAY, 18107924, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 25 March 1945. Staff Sergeant MURRAY, Mortar Sergeant, has displayed conspicuous loyalty, courage, and devotion to duty as an accurate and effective mortar gunner and as Mortar Sergeant. He has consistently, no matter how sorely depleted his squad or how severe the enemy action, delivered effective point, covering and harassing concentrations of fire on the enemy. Staff Sergeant MURRAY has been a material contribution to his unit's continued success in combat. His actions reflect great honor on the high standard of efficiency of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

DAVID J. STEWART, 37036137, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1943 to 8 April 1945. Private First Class STEWART, Demolitionist, distinguished himself in every engagement in which this regiment participated by his unswerving devotion to duty, courage and efficiency in accomplishing all demolition missions assigned him. He also displayed a great degree of initiative and technical ability in dealing with enemy mines and booby-traps. Private First Class STEWART's cheerful obedience to orders and willingness to increase his performance of duty in combat and garrison reflects great credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

JOHN YATCZYSZYN, 12046971, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 10 February 1945. Sergeant YATCZYSZYN, Demolition Squad Leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry, served in the capacity of Assistant Squad Leader and Squad Leader, and has ably led his demolition squad, successfully accomplishing all assigned missions. By his display of courage, coolness and efficiency in setting up booby traps under enemy small arms and artillery fire, Sergeant YATCZYSZYN materially aided in the accomplishment of all company and battalion missions. His unswerving devotion to duty was instrumental in maintaining a high level of morale among his men. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

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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 to the following named individual, posthumously:

JOSEPH W. KROMPASKY, 13056206, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry; For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Technical Sergeant KROMPASKY, Platoon Sergeant, acting as first scout for a platoon which had neutralized one pillbox and was attacking another, voluntarily exposed himself to draw fire. He moved directly toward the pillbox through an artillery barrage and was seriously wounded but succeeded in exposing the enemy gun position. Though it cost him his life, this act of Technical Sergeant KROMPASKY allowed the platoon to accomplish its mission, capture fourteen of the enemy and kill one. The gallant deed of this soldier at the sacrifice of his life is in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HAMLIN, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

JESSE J. WOMBLE, 37215428, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 10 January 1945 in NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. In BELGIUM his conduct, when appointed acting platoon sergeant, more than met expectations. He demonstrated a high degree of intelligence and courage, winning the respect of both officers and men. His every command was carried out to the smallest detail by his men.

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Corporal WOMBLE's leadership insured the efficiency and success of his platoon's action and reflects the highest praise upon himself. He died in action carrying out his duties. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

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:

ANDREW W. McAULEY, 33781820, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 307th Airborne Medical Company. For heroic conduct in action during the night of 4-5 January 1945 in BELGIUM. During an offensive drive by infantry elements, heavy casualties were sustained. Since evacuation had been carried out very slowly over secondary, snow-covered round-about roads, Technician Fifth Grade McAULEY in company with another enlisted man, voluntarily drove their jeep-ambulance along the heavily mined main road, then under enemy small arms fire, in order to expedite evacuation. During the forward movement their jeep struck a road mine, causing wounds to Technician Fifth Grade McAULEY. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

BIAGIO SAVIANO, 32507261, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For heroic conduct in action on the night of 4-5 January 1945 in BELGIUM. During an offensive drive by a Glider Infantry Regiment, heavy casualties were sustained and evacuation was slow over secondary, snow-covered round-about roads. Private First Class SAVIANO in company with another enlisted man voluntarily drove their jeep-ambulance along a heavily mined main road, then under enemy small arms fire, in order to expedite evacuation. During the forward movement their jeep struck a road mine, causing serious injury to Private First Class SAVIANO. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

JOSEPH ZAFFIRO, 01547514, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For heroic conduct in action on 10 June 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. Following the initial contact made by Divisional Patrol Troops with elements which had been isolated for five days, First Lieutenant ZAFFIRO twice led a convoy of ambulances through unsecured roads, harassed by snipers and enemy mortar fire, to the isolated group in order to evacuate thirty-four casualties and to bring up necessary medical supplies. This prompt and heroic action enabled these casualties to receive desperately needed medical attention at the Clearing Station. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

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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:

KENNETH W. TRUAX, 16049144, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 23 December 1944 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM. Throughout five campaigns, Private First Class TRUAX has proven himself a superior soldier. In speed and accuracy as a gunner, he had no equal in the company. On numerous occasions he declined promotions offered him, explaining that he so enjoyed his work as a gunner that he would rather remain in that capacity. Private First Class TRUAX, by his exemplary conduct in combat, won the respect and admiration of all those associated with him. Entered military service from ETTRICK, WISCONSIN.

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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:

STANLEY WEINBERG, O1-307594, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant WEINBERG, Company Executive Officer, displayed great initiative, leadership and courage when he annihilated a battalion of Volks Grenadiers which was threatening the First Battalion flank. First Lieutenant WEINBERG formed a group of sixty-seven enlisted men, many of whom were from Headquarters and Communications Sections, and were acting as riflemen for the first time. With this group and two medium tanks, First Lieutenant WEINBERG checked the threat, by skillful deployment, inspirational leadership and undaunted courage. Though handicapped by lack of radio communications, he accomplished this difficult mission so successfully that one hundred enemy were killed and two hundred taken prisoner without one of his own men being seriously wounded. His gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY.

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

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

LEROY BAER, 33874494, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 31 January 1945 near ~~***~~, GERMANY. When the leading elements of the company were suddenly fired on during an attack, one man was seriously wounded, and lay in plain view of the enemy. Private BAER's Red Cross brassard had been torn from his arm in the advance. Nevertheless, he exposed

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himself on the fire-swept field and dashed to the aid of his comrade. While he was administering first-aid to the fallen soldier, Private BAER received a serious head wound. Private BAER's gallant act was in keeping with the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM H. BURNELL, 34234973, Technician Fifth Grade, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade BURNELL was the radio operator of an artillery forward observer accompanying an attacking force that had encountered extremely heavy crossfire and sustained severe casualties. Technician Fifth Grade BURNELL, though in an exposed position in front of the infantry company, remained there with his radio while the infantry withdrew, and for half an hour he continued to transmit commands which enabled the forward observer to request and receive covering fire. Technician Fifth Grade BURNELL's heroic conduct throughout this engagement contributed materially to the orderly and successful displacement of the company. Entered military service from FREEPORT, LOUISIANA.

WILLIS C. CALONDER, 37705407, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private CALONDER, Radio Operator, heard heavy small arms fire in the direction of the Company's OPL. He quickly turned over his OP duties to another man and ran toward the sound of the battle. Private CALONDER saw that the bridge was blown, and many men of the First Platoon were still across the river in a dazed condition from the sudden attack, and were unable to cross unassisted. Although the river was under heavy small arms fire, Private CALONDER unhesitatingly plunged forward through the river and assisted his comrades across. This heroic act by Private CALONDER enabled his platoon to withdraw with minimum casualties, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLORADO.

WILLIAM H. CLARK, 34731017, Private, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private CLARK, Rifleman, demonstrated conspicuous devotion to duty during a patrol action on the east bank of the RHINE River. Upon debarking, the patrol encountered enemy land mines and several of the patrol - including Private CLARK - were wounded. However, he aided in removing his fallen comrades from the minefield at great risk to his own life, and upon the return voyage insisted upon fulfilling his duty as oarsman. This display of fortitude by Private CLARK upholds the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ONEIDA, TENNESSEE.

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ROY T. CONNER, 7086816, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 28 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When his platoon was pinned down in the SIEGFRIED Line by a well fortified enemy machine gun position, Private First Class CONNER, heedless of the danger involved charged the enemy through waist deep snow drifts firing his M-1 from the hip and tossing hand grenades killing the entire crew of four men. Private First Class CONNER's courageous and heroic act was largely responsible for the success of the mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

HOWARD G. DIBBLE, 0472385, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 10 June 1944. Following the initial contact made by Divisional Patrol Troops with elements which had been isolated for five days, Captain DIBBLE moved forward along roads harassed by sniper and enemy mortar fire to render immediate medical aid to thirty-four casualties who had little in the way of such care since being wounded. This heroic action definitely contributed to the subsequent well-being of these men. Entered military service from WISCONSIN.

HARDING F. DU FRAIN, 7031936, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal DU FRAIN, Assistant Squad Leader, upon hearing that his platoon CP was attacked and partially surrounded by overwhelming numbers of enemy, voluntarily and without orders carried the light machine gun and ammunition from his position to a point where he could set up the gun, and relieved enemy pressure on the platoon. He then withdrew the gun upon orders to a strategic point, and again opened fire upon the enemy. At this point he was wounded by enemy machine gun fire, but refused to leave the gun. By these gallant actions, Corporal DU FRAIN saved his platoon from numerous casualties, and reflects great credit upon the traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS.

ARMAND A. DuPONT, 14082246, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant DuPONT, Operations Sergeant, displayed extraordinary courage and leadership when his company was attacked by a superior enemy force. Accompanying the Company Commander to the scene of the attack, Sergeant DuPONT helped rally the platoon, selected and placed them in new positions, and thus helped to stop the enemy attack. He voluntarily exposed himself to intense small arms fire many times. Sergeant DuPONT took over many tactical responsibilities and thus allowed the Company Commander to concern himself with more

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important matters. This heroic service by Sergeant DuPONT under heavy fire materially aided the company's defense and helped to stop the German attack. Entered military service from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

ALLAN GOLDFARB, 32962425, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Technician Fourth Grade GOLDFARB, Medical Aid Man, volunteered to accompany a patrol to the east bank of the RHINE River. Upon debarking, the patrol encountered enemy land mines and several of the patrol were wounded and unable to move themselves from this dangerous position. Technician Fourth Grade GOLDFARB, fully conscious of the danger, calmly entered the mine field and moved freely about, treating patient after patient, ten in all. This accomplished, he assisted in their evacuation to the boat. The fearless conduct of Technician Fourth Grade GOLDFARB upholds the most honored traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from BRONX, 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 individuals, posthumously:

CHARLES L. BARNETT, 01010766, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Captain BARNETT, Company Commander, deployed his company and supporting tanks and deliberately exposed himself and drew fire from the enemy, thus locating strongpoints of opposition. His effective direction of tank fire on these points completely disrupted the enemy and enabled his company to move through town with very few casualties. When the town was secured, he reorganized his men and set up a defensive position which the enemy could not break. His dominant personal leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from STOCKTON, KANSAS.

ESNARD J. BORNE, 34236017, Sergeant, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in action on 2 May 1945 in the *** Forest near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant BORNE, Section Sergeant, was directing the action of his forward scouts when an enemy machine gun halted their advance. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he advanced under the deadly fire, fully exposing himself to the enemy, to the position of the forward scout, thereby permitting one scout to move to the flank and knock out the machine gun. During this

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action, Sergeant BORNE lost his life, but his heroic act saved the lives of several of his own men and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

VERNON L. FRANCISCO, 12172603, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 4 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant FRANCISCO, Platoon Sergeant, distinguished himself when his company, supported by five tanks, had the mission of seizing and holding the high ground outside the town. When his platoon leader became a casualty; Sergeant FRANCISCO, without hesitation, assumed command and placed himself behind a 50 caliber machine gun on the lead tank and subjected the enemy to devastating fire which pinned the enemy to the ground, allowed a mine field to be cleared and the platoon to move forward. Sergeant FRANCISCO was fatally wounded during this action, but his opportune leadership paved the way for the ultimate success of the platoon mission. The heroic conduct of Sergeant FRANCISCO reflects great honor upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DELHI, NEW YORK.

EDWARD HAAG, JR., 18023866, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 17 September 1944 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND. Corporal HAAG, Squad Leader, during these four operations proved himself a superior soldier, gaining the confidence and respect of the men and officers associated with him. Corporal HAAG's devotion to duty was always an example for his comrades to follow. His aggressiveness and fearlessness was exemplified in the HOLLAND Campaign when he singlehandedly attempted to knock out a German machine gun emplacement that was endangering his platoon and was killed. His extreme devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself, his organization, and the country for which he gave his life. Entered military service from CALLIHAM, TEXAS.

JOHNNY F. HEGGOOD, 14067590, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1943 to 5 January 1945 in SICILY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Sergeant HEGGOOD, Squad Leader, during the four combat parachute and one ground operation has proven himself a natural leader and aggressive soldier with qualities that have won the respect of the men in his platoon. They followed him without question regardless of how difficult the situation. His qualities were exemplified in the ARDENNES Campaign when his platoon's flank was threatened by a machine gun team. He told two men to follow him and headed for the enemy machine gun positions. While still advancing toward the gun it opened fire and Sergeant HEGGOOD received wounds that later proved fatal. His conduct was at all times a credit to himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

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JAMES NICHOLAS, 39386965, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 18 September 1944 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and HOLLAND. Throughout these missions, Private First Class NICHOLAS proved himself a superior soldier. On numerous occasions he showed his bravery and devotion to duty. On 18 September 1944, Private First Class NICHOLAS was on the left flank of an outpost line when Germans started to infiltrate through his flank. Private First Class NICHOLAS alerted the remainder of the OPL and then without orders stalked the infiltrators. He killed two of the four Germans, but one of the two remaining Germans opened fire with a machine pistol and killed Private First Class NICHOLAS. His conduct was at all times a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

LEO R. RUDY, 39388039, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 9 July 1943 to 11 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and the ARDENNES. Private First Class RUDY, Company Runner throughout the four combat parachute operations and one ground operation, consistently proved himself to be an outstanding soldier. Regardless of the elements, enemy small arms or artillery fire, or darkness, Private First Class RUDY maintained contact between battalion and company headquarters with messages at times when terrific artillery barrages kept everyone else deep in their foxholes. Private First Class RUDY met his death by artillery fire during the ARDENNES Campaign. His conduct at all times reflected much credit on himself and the United States Army Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON.

~~X~~ JOSEPH G. WISE, 2020722, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 18 February 1945, near ~~***~~, GERMANY. Private WISE, Scout, Company "B", successfully led his company through a heavily-sown minefield in an attack upon a strongly held enemy position. He made his way across the treacherous minefield under cover of darkness, marking a pathway. On the far edge of the field, Private WISE was killed. His courageous action cost him his life, but made it possible for his company to pass through the mined area with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

IV -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-15, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates indicated:

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Pvt	Robert T. Tucker	32349359	82d Abn Sig Co	18 Sep 44	HOLLAND
Pfc	John R. Thompson	35136555	307th abn Med Co	16 Jun 44	FRANCE

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

CHARLES L. BARNETT, 01010768, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 12 April 1945 near ****, GERMANY. Captain BARNETT, Company Commander, dispatched a night patrol across the RHINE River, when informed that the leader of the patrol was wounded in a minefield on the opposite bank. Captain BARNETT, accompanied by one other officer, took the only available craft, a frail canvas kayak, and started across the river. About a hundred yards offshore it capsized. The two officers hampered by their clothing and boots were swept down the river and drowned. Captain BARNETT's courageous action in attempting to save the life of a wounded comrade at the cost of his own life was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from STOCKTON, KANSAS.

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* FRANKIE B. ENSLEY, 34820612, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant ENSLEY, Assistant Squad Leader, distinguished himself on a night patrol to the east bank of the RHINE River for information concerning enemy dispositions and terrain. Shortly after debarking, the patrol encountered an anti-personnel minefield and Sergeant ENSLEY was fatally wounded. In spite of his injuries, he realized the necessity for local security, and on his way to establish this protection for his comrades he fell dead. The heroic manner in which Sergeant ENSLEY made the supreme sacrifice was a credit to himself, his organization and the country for which he gave his life. Entered military service from FRY, GEORGIA.

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

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FRANCIS H. MARKWOOD, 39230762, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class MARKWOOD, Scout, displayed a remarkable aggressiveness, courage and tenacity of purpose on a night patrol to the east bank of the RHINE River for information concerning enemy dispositions and terrain. Upon landing, Private First Class MARKWOOD was the first to leave the boat and moved aggressively toward the top of the bank to provide security for the other members of the patrol. In so doing, he hit a mine, the explosion of which warned his comrades of the danger in that direction. His last act was typical of his entire service with his regiment, and reflects credit upon the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA.

CLIFFORD J. O'DEA, 01289 613, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on the night of 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant O'DEA, Patrol Leader, demonstrated dominant leadership and courage during a night patrol across the RHINE River. Upon landing, the first scout had progressed well up the bank when he encountered a land mine field. First Lieutenant O'DEA increased the interval between his men and acted as his own scout, leading the patrol. He had progressed a short distance when a man in the rear of the patrol set off a mine, causing several casualties. He then returned through the mine field and supervised and assisted in taking all the casualties to a boat, then resumed his mission. First Lieutenant O'DEA's exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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

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ANTHONY J. ANTONIOU, 32346738, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 July 1943 to 24 March 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM. Private First Class ANTONIOU, Bazookaman, proved himself to be a superior soldier and gained the respect and admiration of the officers and men associated with him. He always placed the welfare and safety of his fellow soldiers above that of his own and as a result has been wounded in each of the five campaigns. Since the bazooka has been a parachute infantry weapon, Private First Class ANTONIOU has been a bazooka-man and has shown his courage innumerable times in making the best use of his weapon. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

WINS ON O. CARTER, 0393711, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 19 February 1945 in NORMANDY, BELGIUM and GERMANY. First Lieutenant CARTER, Light Machine Gun Platoon Leader, has displayed remarkable heroism, tactical skill and leadership throughout all combat operations. His superior judgment has on many occasions enabled his men to inflict heavy losses on the enemy with a minimum of casualties to his own command. During the NORMANDY Campaign his platoon on five different occasions was largely responsible for dispersing enemy formations. In HOLLAND they participated in fire fights, killing or wounding three times their number with exceedingly light casualties to themselves. First Lieutenant CARTER's superb leadership has at all times reflected great honor on the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FLORIDA.

MICHAEL A. CLAUS, 33365154, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 9 July 1943 to 19 February 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY and BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant CLAUS,

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Light Machine Gun Platoon Sergeant, participated actively in the heroic stand on the famed BIAZZA Ridge, during the SICILIAN Campaign; dropped at SALERNO with the regiment; was in the line continuously throughout the NORMANDY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM Campaigns. He has participated actively and been in contact with enemy forces in every engagement the battalion has been involved. His honest, steadfast, untiring efforts throughout all engagements have been exemplary and reflect most creditably upon himself, and are in keeping with the best traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

JACK O. CROSS, 39850487, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 19 December 1944 to 10 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal CROSS, Assistant Squad Leader, led six reconnaissance patrols deep into enemy territory, each of which accomplished its mission, and returned to the unit intact. On 25 December 1944, Corporal CROSS went beyond friendly lines a distance of five thousand yards and pinpointed two large barracks which the enemy were using for billets. Our artillery brought effective fire to bear on them. Corporal CROSS led his patrol into the village of *** on the night of 1 January 1945 and secured information that made the attack on that town possible. Corporal CROSS has at all times shown exemplary conduct, plus great tactical and reconnaissance skill, and reflects much credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

HAROLD C. HEYDT, 6985327, Technical Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 6 June 1944 to 19 February 1945 in NORMANDY, GERMANY and BELGIUM. Technical Sergeant HEYDT by his tireless devotion to duty has been an outstanding example to the men of his platoon and company by his soldierly bearing and conduct and his technical skill in the employment of machine guns. He and the light machine gun platoon have been on the line more days than any other platoon or section of the battalion, and at no time in the NORMANDY or HOLLAND Campaigns was this platoon in reserve. Throughout all the campaigns, Technical Sergeant HEYDT has exhibited superb field judgment and leadership, which reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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RAY J. HULBERT, 12072131, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 20 February 1945 during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns. Corporal HULBERT participated in every combat parachute jump undertaken by his unit, and was always to be found where enemy resistance was strongest and best organized. On 6 June 1944, artillery and mortar barrage was dense, yet he voluntarily brought through badly needed mortar ammunition with considerable daring. This deed was typical of Corporal HULBERT's action in every task assigned him. His service has always been a credit to this company and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from PITTSFORD, NEW YORK.

ALFRED P. NITZ, 36176404, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10-15 April 1945 at *** GERMANY: Sergeant NITZ, an engineer squad leader in charge of an assault boat carrying an infantry patrol across the RHINE River, was thrown from the boat without a lifejacket but managed to reach the German shore safely. Although without food or shelter for five days, Sergeant NITZ steadfastly refused to give himself up but spent the night hours locating enemy minefields, spotting enemy positions and watching enemy movements. Having no weapon with which to defend himself or with which to harass the German positions, Sergeant NITZ, regardless of his personal safety, removed enemy "S" mines and relaid them in new positions, thereby causing German casualties and creating confusion in the ranks of the enemy. His grim determination to resist capture and to destroy the enemy was in keeping with the traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MICHIGAN.

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ALEXANDER SHALKOWSKI, 31089448, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 July 1943 to 16 April 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Sergeant SHALKOWSKI, an engineer squad leader, served with his unit throughout five major campaigns, without missing a day of duty. His thorough engineer knowledge coupled with his outstanding ability as a leader enabled his squad to accomplish its mission in a superior manner despite the rigors of weather and terrain and despite heavy enemy fire. From 2 April 1945 to 13 April 1945, Sergeant SHALKOWSKI took command of his platoon, in the absence of his platoon sergeant. He took personal charge of night river crossing operations against the enemy, inspiring courage and confidence in his men by his spirit, vigor, and coolness under fire. His outstanding service has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

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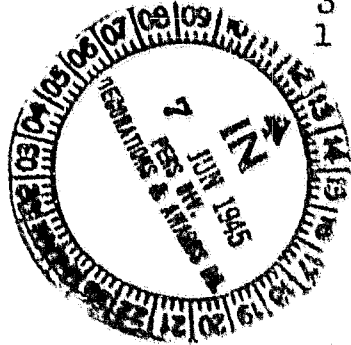
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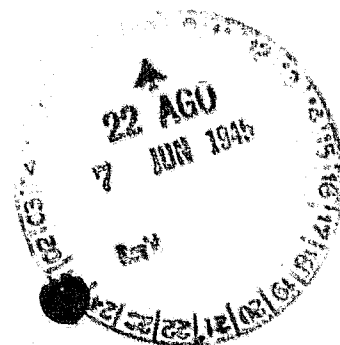
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I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

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

ALFRED W. IRELAND, 0351113, Lieutenant Colonel, GSC, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 20 February 1945, in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Four hours after the 82d Airborne Division was unexpectedly alerted to move into the ANDENNES against the German spearhead, Lieutenant Colonel IRELAND went forward to select assembly areas and coordinate the sudden displacement of the Division in full combat strength. Although the destination was changed after movement started, he effected re-routing in a most efficient manner and cleared the last elements through *** while the town was under artillery fire and enemy tanks were just a few hundred yards distant. At ***, Lieutenant Colonel IRELAND directed the detruckment of hundreds of trucks almost in view of the Germans spearheads and moved personnel to unit assembly areas. Through more than seventy-two sleepless hours, he worked with tireless energy, forceful initiative and outstanding zeal to insure the success of a divisional commitment unparalleled in the history of this war. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

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IRA P. SWIFT, 012205, Brigadier General, USA, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 22 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY.

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Brigadier General SWIFT, (then Colonel), Assistant Division Commander, moved the Division from its rest area into the path of Von Maistedt's ARDENNES spearhead in less than eighteen hours after it had been alerted suddenly to this surprise mission. The tremendous task of procuring, organizing and coordinating transportation for the command was effected with consummate skill and rapidity. Although the original destination of the Division was changed while en route, the movement was accomplished smoothly and expeditiously. Brigadier General SWIFT, arriving with the first elements, personally supervised the deployment of the command to intercept all enemy movement in the area and at the same time established security and contact with adjacent and supporting forces. Throughout the continuing phases of Division operations in BELGIUM and GERMANY, Brigadier General SWIFT's outstanding abilities were manifest in his skillful coordination of the lightly armed airborne force in conjunction with armor and a variety of available units hastily attached as reinforcements. Alert to capitalize every opportunity afforded by the activities of the enemy and to develop the daringly brilliant tactics of the Division Commander, he watched, advised and guided the frustration of the enemy from the front lines where he could most quickly observe every move in the vast area of Division operations. His unbounded energy and stimulating zeal spurred all associates to render the utmost of service in spite of severe weather, difficult terrain, inadequate communications and problems of logistics unparalleled in the experience of the Division. Brigadier General SWIFT's fidelity of purpose, enthusiasm and determination were reflected in the spirit of achievement which characterized the efforts of the Staff and Commander, and were a material factor in the magnificent achievements of the 82d Airborne Division in the ARDENNES Campaign. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

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 individual:

MAURICE KAPLAN, W2131339, Warrant Officer (JG), Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 21 April 1944 to 22 February 1945. Warrant Officer KAPLAN, charged with the supervision of the Adjutant General Personnel Section, has rendered an invaluable contribution to the administration of the Division throughout three campaigns. Summarizing the various administrative directives and procedures, Warrant Officer KAPLAN is responsible in a large measure for the proficient manner in which the many tedious and exacting personnel

problems have been undertaken and successfully executed. His skill and intelligence are reflected in his ability to cope with the many intricate details coincident with Airborne actions in combat. His tireless efforts and energetic devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and the Division which he serves. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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:

ALLEN D. FIELDS, 33047489, Sergeant, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant FIELDS, while making a reconnaissance, was pinned down by enemy small arms and machine gun fire. He saw two wounded men in a nearby field, one of whom was calling for help. Aid men had been driven back by the intense enemy fire. Sergeant FIELDS left his place of comparative safety on his own initiative, and, without regard for his personal safety, ran and crawled through the intense enemy fire to the wounded men. He applied aid and stayed with the men while the enemy still directed their fire on the area until a tank was brought up to evacuate the two men. Entered military service from SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA.

NR PATRICK J. GREELEY, 39622197, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Company "G" was attacking through the *** Forest when it unexpectedly encountered a number of strongly held enemy entrenchments. Private GREELEY, on his own initiative, moved under a hail of fire across the open ground immediately in front of the pillbox and delivered rifle fire with such volume and accuracy that he caused it to "button up". He then crawled to the top of the pillbox, under fire from the adjacent redoubts, and dropped hand grenades down the chimney, dazing and panicking one enemy officer and twenty enemy soldiers. Private GREELEY'S courage and initiative are in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BUTTE, MONTANA.

VERNON L. JENSEN, 37670600, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 28 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When his entire platoon was pinned down by intense enemy small arms fire, Private First Class JENSEN, a machine gunner, picked up his gun and fearlessly advanced on the enemy positions, momentarily pinning them down with his own

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counterfire. His platoon, taking advantage of the situation, quickly advanced on the enemy and destroyed them all. Private First Class JENSEN's courageous and heroic act enabled his platoon to successfully complete their mission without the loss of a single man and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HANLENTOWN, IOWA.

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PETER A. KLIZAS, 33077568, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade KLIZAS, Radio Operator, on his own volition, accompanied a night patrol to cross the RHINE River to obtain information concerning enemy disposition and terrain. During the action, Technician Fifth Grade KLIZAS was wounded in the thigh by fragments of a detonated mine, but refused aid until the group reached friendly territory. Despite his painful wound, he fearlessly performed his assigned duties. Technician Fifth Grade KLIZAS' actions were an inspiration to his comrades and reflected much credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM KNIGHT, 39131471, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private KNIGHT, Assistant Light Machine Gunner, took over a LMG in face of fierce enemy fire, when his gunner was killed by enemy fire. Singlehandedly, he removed the body, reloaded the weapon and laid continuous effective fire on the attacking foe. Though under intense return fire, he kept his gun in action throughout the remainder of the engagement, and inflicted severe losses on the enemy. His initiative prevented the enemy from overrunning his platoon's positions, thus saving them from serious losses. Private KNIGHT's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from UKIAH, CALIFORNIA.

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MIKE J. KOURY, 37553414, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class KOURY, Rifleman, volunteered for a night patrol to cross the RHINE River and obtain information concerning enemy disposition and strength. Private First Class KOURY, because of his enthusiastic aggressiveness and will to close with the enemy, was in the assault group whose mission included capturing prisoners. Though seriously wounded, he continually placed the safety of the patrol above his own and was a source of inspiration to his comrades. Private First Class KOURY's fearless courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

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LYND E. NEELY, 38203879, Technician Fifth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 January 1945, near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade NEELY, Armor Artificer, through constant bad weather and terrain, kept his company well supplied with much needed supplies and rations during the HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns. On ~~the~~ one trip to the front, he encountered an enemy patrol upon which he immediately opened fire, killing two and capturing the remaining members. His quick thinking and action even though he was only armed with a pistol helped save an important position. His entire service has been a credit to himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS.

J. C. POTTS, 34571908, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant POTTS, Assistant Squad Leader, displayed courage and inspiring leadership during a night patrol across the RHINE River to obtain information concerning enemy disposition and strength. During their reconnaissance, the patrol ran into an anti-personnel mine field and suffered severe casualties. Disregarding the extreme danger, Sergeant POTTS rushed into the mine field to help the wounded. With great presence of mind, Sergeant POTTS supervised the establishment of local security and assisted in moving casualties to the boats. His gallant actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ROME, GEORGIA.

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CLARENCE A. ROGERS, 35572102, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 12 October 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. While in defensive positions his company was subjected to artillery, nebelwerfer and mortar fire and communication lines with a vital outpost were knocked out. Private ROGERS volunteered to repair the disrupted lines. Heedless of the flying shrapnel, Private ROGERS crawled seven hundred yards until he successfully located the damage and repaired the broken wire. His unflinching courage reflects the determination and fighting spirit of the American Parachutist to the highest degree. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

BERNARD E. SCHNEIDER, 16059195, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class SCHNEIDER, Rifleman, distinguished himself by his cool courage on a night patrol across the RHINE River to obtain information concerning enemy disposition and terrain. As soon as the first boat reached the opposite shore, the lead man was fatally wounded by an anti-personnel mine. Despite his comrade's moaning, and his own certain knowledge that there were other mines in the area, Private First Class SCHNEIDER leaped from his craft to the shore and ran thirty

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yards through a mine field to establish local security. Throughout the entire action, Private First Class SCHNEIDER performed his duties as lead scout in such a heroic manner as to reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from MIDLOTHIAN, ILLINOIS.

AUSTIN B. WILSON, 18209705, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class WILSON, Gunner, volunteered to accompany a reconnaissance party across the RHINE River and guard the boats used for the operation. Upon debarking, the patrol encountered land mines, and several members were severely wounded. Headless of the danger, Private First Class WILSON knowingly entered the minefield at the risk of his life and moved two of his fellow comrades to the boats. His heroic action was in keeping with the honored traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from JONESVILLE, LOUISIANA.

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PAUL D. WILSON, 37701486, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During an attack on an enemy strongpoint, Private First Class WILSON unmindful of the intense machine gun and small arms fire, charged the enemy's position firing his M-1 from the hip. His courageous act was an inspiration to the rest of the men who followed his example and took the enemy strongpoint. Private First Class WILSON's heroic act reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DENVER, COLORADO.

IV -- AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named enlisted men of Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, in recognition of their exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity, and having 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:

M Sgt	Edward C. Wynne	11092571
Tec 4	Robert J. Gilbertson	37558378
Tec 4	Milo J. Wilson, Jr.	11131717
Tec 4	Ralph H. Schuyler	36585520
Tec 4	Harold P. Wilhelm	32161655
Tec 5	Leonard Linton	32272797
Tec 5	Joseph Neiman	32646588
Tec 5	Wallace B. Croff	37479833
Tec 5	George E. Sieber	35917679
Tec 5	Max Rakity 42053328	42053328

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Tec 5	Donald B. Bulleit	39152814
Tec 5	Joseph E. DeTammasc	42038784
Tec 5	Charles C. Law, Jr.	33729802
Cpl	Emmitt C. Shirley	16062148
Pfc	Walter Smith	32854741
Pfc	Clarence M. Swope, Jr.	34999331
Pfc	Jack E. Martin	38533819
Pfc	Urban Singleton, Jr.	35705244
Pfc	John F. Diehl	35229131
Pfc	Courtland W. Weber	33798287
Tec 4	Robert D. Roland	38664528
Pfc	Edward Mills, Jr.	39334273
Pfc	Samuel G. Clark	34630133
Pfc	Robert Bingenheimer	37626675
Pfc	Thomas B. Harlow	33809764

V -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NOS. 73 AND 74, 1945:

not changed
So much of Section I, General Orders No. 73, this Headquarters, dated 22 May 1945, as pertains to Captain JACK R. ISAACS and First Lieutenant HARRY YACHECHAK as reads "For gallantry in action on 3 February 1945" is amended to read "For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945".

not changed
So much of Section II, General Orders No. 73, this Headquarters, dated 22 May 1945, as pertains to Second Lieutenant WILLIAM J. BRUNSMAN as reads: "For gallantry in action on 3 February 1945" is amended to read "For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945".

not changed
So much of Section II, General Orders No. 74, this Headquarters, dated 22 May 1945, as pertains to Sergeant WILLIAM L. BLANK and Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. McDONALD as reads "For gallantry in action on 3 February 1945" is amended to read "For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945".

By command of Major General GAVIN:

R. H. WIENECKE,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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 3 to CG, 629th Tank Destroyer Bn 1 to ea O and EM concerned

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

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

BENJAMIN F. DELAMATER, III, 023305, Major, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24-25 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Major DELAMATER, Executive Officer, First Battalion, remained behind in command of a small covering force, which was to fight a rear guard action while the balance of the unit was taking up new defensive lines. The enemy succeeded in overrunning several of the covering positions. Faced with the possibility of being cut off, he fell doggedly back and joined with another force. Remaining until the last possible moment and displaying the greatest of personal courage and coolness, Major DELAMATER achieved a great success in his task in the face of overwhelming odds. His achievement is indicative of his ability and the service he has constantly rendered. Entered military service from BRYAN, TEXAS.

ROYAL R. TAYLOR, 01292614, Major, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24-25 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Major TAYLOR, Executive Officer, Second Battalion, commanded a small covering force which remained behind as a rear guard to protect a withdrawal. The enemy, attacking in great force, succeeded in penetrating our defenses. Unable to carry out the withdrawal as planned, when the enemy's advance threatened to envelope this small force, Major TAYLOR withdrew his group over the hills under forced march and succeeded in leading them back to our lines. Major TAYLOR accomplished this without a single loss in men or equipment. Major TAYLOR's skillful extricating of his group is an achievement worthy of high commendation. Entered military service from MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

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SHIELDS WARREN, JR., 022103, Lieutenant Colonel, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Lieutenant Colonel WARREN, Battalion Commander, First Battalion, exhibited a high degree of tactical ability in the attack carried out by his unit although numerically under-strength and hampered by terrain and weather conditions. His unit attained and held all objectives in the area with a minimum of losses and at a high cost to the enemy. The attack, over the rugged terrain, in waist deep snow, was so swift that it caught the enemy by surprise and the Germans were overrun. Numerous enemy casualties and prisoners were secured as a result of this action and the approaches to the SIEGFRIED Line were breached. Lieutenant Colonel WARREN's effort was a valuable contribution to the success of the Regiment. Entered military service from GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA.

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

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

FREDRICK J. GARDEN, 14002531, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade GARDEN, with another man, volunteered to lay a wire to front line platoons through an area subjected to intense artillery, mortar and sniper fire. He succeeded in establishing desperately needed contact, which enabled rapid organization of the defense against an imminent German counterattack. Technician Fifth Grade GARDEN's heroic conduct and unflinching devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA.

WILLIAM E. JEWELL, 10013840, Technician Fourth Grade, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade JEWELL, Acting Platoon Sergeant, was in command of an engineer squad whose mission was to clear the road of mines or road blocks hampering the advance of supporting tanks and tank destroyers. Technician Fourth Grade JEWELL, despite heavy enemy fire from weapons of all calibers, moved well in advance of his mine-sweeping parties, reconnoitering with the advance elements of the infantry. He went ahead alone to inspect a bridge on the main route of advance. Although his squad had been reduced through casualties to half strength, he continued the work of sweeping the roads. Technician Fourth Grade JEWELL's perseverance, initiative and personal courage were an inspiration to the remaining members and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

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WILBUR W. JURIST, 01105558, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 29 January 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant JURIST was in charge of a mine sweeping detail attached to an Infantry Battalion on the attack. At approximately 0900 hours the attack was threatened by two enemy self-propelled guns, commanding the route of march and the supply roads. First Lieutenant JURIST located the guns and requested a tank to move forward. The area was under heavy small arms fire and in direct observation of the SP gun. First Lieutenant JURIST directed the fire of the tank's machine guns until he had zeroed in, then called for HE fire. The gun was destroyed by the second round. Moving about in the still exposed area, First Lieutenant JURIST repeated the performance and the second gun was knocked out. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN W. LAMBERT, 38300238, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Prior to the German attack on his company defenses, Sergeant LAMBERT, Company "F", was placed in command of the company's 60mm mortars. Following a heavy barrage of artillery and mortar fire, the Germans attacked and threatened to overrun our positions, and Sergeant LAMBERT moved up to the MLR with his mortars. He directed such effective fire that the enemy attack was hampered. His courage and initiative resulted in a material weakening of the enemy thrust. Entered military service from ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING.

THOMAS D. MacBLANE, 12166437, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant MacBLANE, with another man, volunteered to lay a wire to front line platoons through an area subjected to intense artillery, mortar and sniper fire. He succeeded in establishing desperately needed contact, which enabled rapid organization of the defense against an imminent German counterattack. Sergeant MacBLANE's heroic conduct and unflinching devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MORRIS RUN, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM J. MARTIN, 12039455, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class MARTIN was a member of the engineer squad to clear roads of enemy mines and road blocks to assist the forward movement of friendly armor and supply vehicles. During the entire course of the action, this squad was subjected to intense small arms, mortar and artillery fire and suffered heavy casualties. Private First Class MARTIN, although wounded and suffering from the effects of concussion, refused evacuation to the aid station, but continued with his work of sweeping the road and removing enemy mines. His initiative, courage and calmness were worthy of emulation. Entered military service from LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

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FRANCIS J. QUINN, 36211579, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Corporal QUINN, Machine Gunner, after a heavy artillery barrage which was followed by waves of enemy, fired his machine gun with such skill and effectiveness that he inflicted heavy casualties upon the attacking infantry, and forced their withdrawal. Much of the enemy fire was directed at him. Even after his gun was put out of action, he remained in position; throwing hand grenades until his supply was exhausted. The skill and courage shown by Corporal QUINN was an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from FORT ATKINSON, WISCONSIN.

ROBERT W. TRIBE, 01103442, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant TRIBE, Platoon Commander, in an assault on the SIEGFRIED Line cleared approaching roads of mines under fire from pillboxes and machine gun nests. First Lieutenant TRIBE then led a squad to ***, stopping to clear a small anti-personnel minefield and capturing two enemy prisoners. First Lieutenant TRIBE worked ceaselessly, personally chocking all roads entering the town, leading details to minefields and road blocks and was wounded by mortar fire. While waiting on a stretcher to be evacuated, and in great pain, First Lieutenant TRIBE insisted upon giving all possible information of the situation to the other officer and continued to control his men through his sergeant. Entered military service from UTAH.

GASTON P. VIETTE, 32507735, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class VIETTE, Demolition Man, in the attack on the SIEGFRIED Line had the task of clearing mines for the supporting armor. Although under direct enemy observation and under constant and intense small arms, mortar, and artillery fire from enemy fortified positions, Private First Class VIETTE led his detail coolly and aggressively until his mission was accomplished and the tanks and the tank destroyers could move forward. Noticing a wounded comrade he carried him over three hundred yards of ground heavily raked by small arms fire to a position of safety. This outstanding action probably saved the life of the soldier and served as an inspiration to the men of his unit. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

LESLIE L. WHIPPLE, 36811123, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 17 September 1944 in ***, HOLLAND. Private WHIPPLE, Anti-Tank Rocket Launcher Gunner, Company "B", during the defense of ***, HOLLAND, was successful in knocking out a truck load of German troops and completely disrupting an enemy counterattack in his sector. Private WHIPPLE's position covered one of the main roads leading into the city.

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Three truckloads of German troops approached his position in a proposed counterattack. With cool determination and skill he opened fire on the lead vehicle, knocking it out with a single rocket. Private WHIPPLE's action resulted in the capture of numerous Germans and reflects great credit upon himself. Entered military service from HEBRON, ILLINOIS.

RINALDO R. ZUCCALA, 12088724, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal ZUCCALA, Aid-Man, attached to Company "I", during the attack on *** Ridge, repeatedly gave aid and medical attention to wounded men under a direct barrage of enemy artillery and small arms fire. His devotion to duty, even after he had been wounded, was such that he continued to give medical aid to his fallen comrades. His actions were courageous, reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the Medical Service. Entered military service from LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

III. -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

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

Pfc	Robert J. Huston	32590087	Hq Co, 82d Abn Div	6 Jun 44	FRANCE
Pfc	Jake Norton	39526501	307th Abn Med Co	8 May 45	GERMANY

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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

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

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

FLOYD D. FLETCHER, 35110758, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 26 January 1945 to 3 February 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant FLETCHER, Motor Sergeant, operated a D-7 Angledozer for eight consecutive days from twelve to sixteen hours daily. Sergeant FLETCHER was responsible for clearing the forward roads in the Division attack to ***, GERMANY. Sergeant FLETCHER was continually faced with the hazards of artillery and small arms fire and enemy mines hidden beneath the snow and roadblocks. Taking all obstacles in his stride, Sergeant FLETCHER cleared deep snow drifts from the existing roads and broke open numerous supply trails through the forest and open fields. In a large measure the evacuation of wounded, supply to the forward elements, and the general progress of the Division was due to Sergeant FLETCHER's outstanding work on the roads. Entered military service from INDIANA.

CHARLES W. MASON, 0887988, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct from 17 September 1944 to 14 November 1944 in HOLLAND. First Lieutenant MASON (then Master Sergeant) landed in HOLLAND on D-Day and was removed unconscious from his crashed glider, but returned and supervised the unloading. He refused hospitalization although both arms were immobilized, waiting until D plus 2 to have his injuries properly treated because more serious casualties required attention. First Lieutenant MASON did not permit the limitations imposed by his injuries to interfere with the proper accomplishment of his numerous personnel responsibilities. His cool indifference to pain, discomfort and enemy action was worthy of emulation. Entered military service from TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK.

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MAURICE E. STUART, 0346997, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 26 January 1945 to 22 February 1945 in BELGIUM. When the Division was committed for the first time in a role paralleling that of a Ground Division, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) STUART, now Adjutant General, planned and executed the creation of an Administrative Center to operate in the Combat Zone in the Division Rear Area. Working under the many handicaps resulting from the limited personnel and equipment organic with an Airborne Division, he brought forward and established the separate unit personnel sections in BELGIUM and coordinated their activities in a new role and environment with skill and understanding. Upon the hospitalization of the Adjutant General, he assumed added responsibilities and control of the Rear Command Post and effected the efficient and expeditious accomplishment of all administrative matters incident to the operation of the Division in combat. Lieutenant Colonel STUART guided the activities of his section in three echelons in an outstandingly superior manner to contribute materially to the success of the Division in the field. Entered military service from HOUSTON, TEXAS.

HUGO E. WALDSCHMIDT, 01823095, Captain, Military Intelligence Service, European Theater of Operations, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in BELGIUM and GERMANY from 17 December 1944 to 17 February 1945. As officer in charge of a Photo Interpretation Team and the procurement, interpretation and distribution of aerial photographs, Captain WALDSCHMIDT displayed outstanding ability in brilliantly performing his assigned duties. Despite inferior working conditions and difficult tactical situations, his skillful interpretations continuously produced vital intelligence data. Captain WALDSCHMIDT's service was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HASTINGS, NEBRASKA.

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:

NICHOLAS E. ALLEN, 026377, Lieutenant Colonel, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period from 18 August 1944 to 26 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) ALLEN, in addition to his normal heavy responsibilities as the Division Judge Advocate, acted as Voting Officer at the time when the Division was engaged in combat operations in HOLLAND. He entered the Combat Zone and supervised the

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management of Soldier Voting affairs at a time when the heaviest fighting was in progress. Again, in the ARDENNES Campaign, Lieutenant Colonel ALLEN voluntarily went into the Combat Zone to expedite the work of his section, at times entering the forward CP of the Division. The devotion to duty, competence and indifference to danger shown by Lieutenant Colonel ALLEN in the prosecution of his activities reflects credit upon the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

CALVIN A. BECK, 6956799, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 20 February 1945 in BELGIUM. Corporal BECK, acting as Operations Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, during the attack demonstrated superior devotion to duty and courage when he voluntarily took a truckload of ammunition and drove along a route which was subjected to artillery and small arms fire and accomplished the delivery. His actions aided in the successful repulse of the enemy and reflects the fortitude and high devotion to duty which has characterized his entire service. Entered military service from BUTTE, MONTANA.

THOMAS R. BREGAR, 33391899, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 October 1944 to 1 March 1945 in HOLLAND, FRANCE and BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade BREGAR, by his skill and tireless efforts in operating and repairing projectors, public address systems, and radios has enabled the recreational and entertainment activities throughout the Division to function despite the difficulties and problems of inadequate and unobtainable supplies and replacement parts. Technician Fifth Grade BREGAR's untiring efforts have contributed greatly to the morale of the men of the Division. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM W. DAWSON, 01321755, Second Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 22 September 1944 to 13 November 1944 in HOLLAND. Second Lieutenant DAWSON, Historian for the 82d Airborne Division Association, demonstrated high courage, initiative and aggressive determination in the procurement of data and innumerable stories for the history of the Division. He conceived the idea, formulated the plans and organized and edited the "PARAGLIDE", a souvenir brochure of the *** Operation. His efforts with press and radio correspondents brought admirable news coverage for the Division's fighting men. Second Lieutenant DAWSON's boundless enthusiasm recognized neither fears nor obstacles in achieving the utmost of publicity to enhance and maintain the high esprit de corps of the "All-American Division". Entered military service from EVANSTON, ILLINOIS.

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CHARLES R. GAINES, 01002630, Captain, First Allied Airborne Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in BELGIUM and GERMANY from 17 December 1944 to 17 February 1945. As officer in charge of a Photo Interpretation Team and the procurement, interpretation and distribution of aerial photographs, Captain GAINES displayed outstanding ability in brilliantly performing his assigned duties. Despite inferior working conditions and difficult tactical situations, his skillful interpretations continuously produced vital intelligence data. Captain GAINES' service was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

OTHO E. HOLMES, 0124252, Lieutenant Colonel, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 22 January 1945 to 1 February 1945 in the vicinity of *** and ***, BELGIUM. Demonstrating a dogged determination, a high degree of tactical skill, and superior leadership, Lieutenant Colonel HOLMES directed his battalion in the successful assault against ***, *** and the high ground overlooking ***. These assaults were carried out successfully in spite of and in the face of almost impossible terrain and climatic barriers. Lieutenant Colonel HOLMES succeeded in pushing the attack of his battalion despite the reduced strength of the battalion and did so with such vigor and relentless determination that the enemy was hurled back with heavy losses in men and material. His achievement rendered a valuable contribution to the successful offensive in this sector. Entered military service from WILMINGTON, OHIO.

GEORGE N. JOEHNK, 16131393, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 20 February 1945 in BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade JOEHNK, Supply Man, demonstrated extreme devotion to duty during the period prior to and immediately following a heavy attack upon his battalion's positions near *** and ***, BELGIUM. Despite heavy small arms crossfire Technician Fifth Grade JOEHNK successfully delivered a truck load of vital supplies and ammunition. Technician Fifth Grade JOEHNK ran the gauntlet of fire and succeeded in completing his task. His actions materially aided in the successful defense of the positions and reflects the fortitude and high devotion to duty which has characterized his entire service. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

ROY S. KENDALL, 3504352, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 January 1945 to 3 February 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class KENDALL operated a D-7 angledozer for eight consecutive days from twelve to sixteen hours daily. Private First Class KENDALL was responsible for clearing the forward roads for the attack to the SIEGFRIED

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Line under artillery and small arms fire. Enemy mines hidden beneath the snow and roadblocks were a constant threat. Taking all obstacles in his stride, Private First Class KENDALL cleared deep snowdrifts from the existing roads and broke open numerous supply trails through the forest and open fields. In a large measure the evacuation of wounded, supply to the forward elements, and the general progress of the Division attack was due to Private First Class KENDALL's outstanding work on the roads. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

ROBERT MISTOVICH, 36041873, Staff Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 10 July 1943 to 18 February 1945 through 256 days of actual combat. In ANZIO, Staff Sergeant MISTOVICH (then Sergeant) took command of his platoon. With courage, initiative, and thorough technical knowledge, he skillfully organized and led the engineer work parties for eight weeks. His energy and enthusiasm for his work in spite of several violent attacks of malaria to which he refused to succumb, in addition to his absolute calm and cool-headedness under enemy fire inspired his men with confidence and contributed greatly to the high morale and fighting spirit of his unit. His superior service has been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

GEORGE T. NORTON, 36356367, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 17 February 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade NORTON displayed unusual devotion to duty and great technical skill in the taking, developing and printing of photographs. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to get action photography and overcame formidable technical obstacles in the processing of film under field conditions. Technician Fifth Grade NORTON's photographs have proven to be of great intelligence, historical and publicity value. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CLIFFORD S. RYAN, 32095356, Private, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 October 1944 to 15 November 1944 in HOLLAND; 16 November 1944 to 29 December 1944 in FRANCE; and 2 January 1945 to 26 February 1945 in BELGIUM. Private RYAN worked ceaselessly in HOLLAND, personally operated moving picture performances daily and repaired projectors, radios and generators during each night, to supply recreation for the men in a combat area. On the field and in garrison he worked continuously without adequate rest to overcome problems of inadequate supplies with skillful improvisations to keep the theatre, radios

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and projectors of the Division operating to maintain the recreational program. Private RYAN's untiring efforts and skill have contributed greatly to the morale of the men of the Division. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

EMMITT C. SHIRLEY, 16062148, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 17 February 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade SHIRLEY, as non-commissioned officer in charge of the Division Headquarters photographic activities, displayed outstanding initiative, energy and resourcefulness. He repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to obtain photographs of combat activities and hostile terrain, and overcame formidable technical difficulties in the developing and printing of photographs. His skillful work resulted in the swift production of photographs of great intelligence, historical and publicity value. Entered military service from FLINT, MICHIGAN.

MANFRED STEINFELD, 36737899, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 17 February 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Staff Sergeant STEINFELD, as an Intelligence Order of Battle Specialist, provided outstanding analysis of the enemy's dispositions. Faced repeatedly with situations involving mixtures of diverse hostile units in the confusion and obscurity of battle, Staff Sergeant STEINFELD consistently furnished well founded estimates which were material contributions to the continuous study of the enemy situation and assisted in the successful direction of operations. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

RANDAL L. STROTHER, 35275465, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 December 1944 to 17 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technician Fourth Grade STROTHER displayed outstanding diligence in the collation and reproduction of large amounts of intelligence material, and performed his duties with meticulous accuracy in the face of heavy demands and frequently adverse working conditions. Technician Fourth Grade STROTHER contributed materially to the prompt dissemination of vital intelligence data during the highly important operations which took place during the above period. Technician Fourth Grade STROTHER's outstanding devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

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WALTER L. URBAN, 36326837, Private First Class, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 July 1943 to 15 July 1944. As a postal clerk receiving and dispatching mail for the Division Army Post Office, Private First Class URBAN served in the forward echelon in the SICILIAN, ITALIAN and NORMANDY Campaigns. Under both combat and garrison conditions he performed his duties in a superior manner. He maintained daily trips to the base post offices or various airfields to receive and dispatch mail often via roads being shelled by the enemy. His devotion to duty and long hours of work has been an inspiration to the members of the postal section. His superior performance aided the morale of the Division and attached troops, and reflects credit upon himself and the service. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

RICHARD G. WOLCH, 17047521, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 20 February 1945 in BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant WOLCH, Supply Sergeant, exhibited a high degree of courage and devotion to duty during an attack by delivering under fire a truck load of vitally needed supplies and ammunition. At times the volume of fire was so great that he was forced to stop and seek cover before he could continue on. His actions reflect the fortitude and high devotion to duty which has characterized his entire service. Entered military service from ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA.

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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:

LEE C. TRAVELSTEAD, O1309987, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Captain TRAVELSTEAD, commanding the lead company in the attack on the town, by his utter fearlessness inspired his company to move forward against intense small arms and mortar fire, across 1,200 yards of exposed terrain and take a key position in the SIEGFRIED Line. The Company, in crossing the open terrain under the fire from numerous fortifications, came under small arms fire. Captain TRAVELSTEAD was wounded in the shoulder but refused to be evacuated until he had orientated his second in command. However, before he could be moved, he was again hit by small arms fire in the side. The gallantry this officer displayed during the attack was the prime factor in the success of the battalion's accomplishment of its mission. His actions reflect great credit upon the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

II -- 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 individual:

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SAMUEL D. TREKUR, 35289829, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 2 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. While he and members of his company were being issued ammunition during hours of darkness in preparation for a dawn attack, a number of men from all companies of the battalion were gathered around the ammunition dump. Sergeant TREKUR was handed a fragmentation hand grenade, the pin caught unseen on an unknown object in the darkness, was pulled from it, the handle... snapped off, and the grenade fuse started to burn. Instead of running for cover himself, Sergeant TREKUR held the grenade firmly, yelled a warning to the other men, ran to the edge of the group and threw the grenade as far as possible. Sergeant TREKUR's quick action undoubtedly saved a number of men from serious injury and also prevented the possible detonation of other ammunition in the dump. Entered military service from WARREN, OHIO.

III -- 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:

CARL F. SAUR, 01166368, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. 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 and 16 February 1945. On all these missions First Lieutenant SAUR was exposed to enemy aircraft, being attacked in the course of this period by three enemy fighters. Entered military service from LAWRENCE, KANSAS. *See file 120 Sep 21, '45*

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:

JAMES R. AGEE, 0326534, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 9 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Captain AGEE led a combat patrol deep into enemy territory to determine the status of bridges over the Salm River and reconnoiter enemy installations and dispositions. Upon discovering that the enemy was enroute to seize strategic terrain dominating a vital bridge, he engaged the formation with his small force and called for artillery fire within one hundred yards of his own position.

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The gallant stand of this patrol under Captain AGEE's courageous and skillful leadership denied the enemy command of the strategic terrain until reinforcements could be brought to his relief. The initiative, aggressiveness and courage displayed by Captain AGEE reflects great credit upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DAYTON, WASHINGTON.

DONALD E. MONGER, O376105, Captain, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. After crash landing in a glider several miles within enemy territory, Captain MONGER, disregarding fire from small arms, machine guns and flak directed at his own and nearby gliders, moved about fearlessly in the open to supervise the unloading of gliders containing valuable equipment. He then organized men from all nearby gliders, led them during darkness through miles of unfamiliar territory then in the hands of the enemy and rejoined his own unit at daylight. Captain MONGER's conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

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:

JOHN W. CONNELLY, O351894, Captain, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. Captain CONNELLY took over the controls and successfully landed a glider when the pilot was killed about fifty feet above the ground. It was subjected to intense small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, and the two enlisted men with him were seriously wounded. He administered first aid to the wounded men and drove off an enemy party with carbine fire. Hiding until darkness, Captain CONNELLY made his way through the enemy lines and contacted friendly troops. His coolness under fire and his utter disregard for his own safety was directly responsible for saving the lives of the two soldiers. Such conduct exemplifies the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA.

RAYMOND L. KAMPE, O1323437, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 31 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant KAMPE, Platoon Leader, Company "C", established a roadblock south of ***, BELGIUM. Thirty minutes later he was attacked by a German force of approximately 250 infantrymen and six tanks. A fierce fire fight caused them to halt their advance. First Lieutenant KAMPE reorganized his platoon and again

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engaged the enemy. He personally directed and adjusted artillery fire on the enemy. He exposed himself on high ground to secure observation. He found it necessary to adjust his own artillery within fifty yards of his platoon. This completely demoralized the enemy and forced them to withdraw. He then organized a patrol and led them into enemy lines, located their assembly point and brought artillery fire to bear, causing heavy casualties in personnel and materials. Entered military service from OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY.

DWAIN G. LUCE, O366804, Captain, 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. After landing in a glider several miles from the landing zone, under heavy machine gun and small arms fire, Captain LUCE personally organized men from his own and surrounding gliders, drove off an enemy attack and unloaded all equipment that could be carried. Captain LUCE led his men into the *** Forest, organized a position and personally stood guard throughout the night. At dawn he moved his party across more than six miles of unfamiliar territory then in the hands of the enemy to contact his own unit. Captain LUCE's gallantry and leadership were exemplary of the highest ideals of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LUCED, MISSISSIPPI.

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*PETER P. TRIOLO, O1290688; First Lieutenant, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 June 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. First Lieutenant TRIOLO, acting as liaison officer from the 4th Infantry Division, landed prior to H-Hour with the first serial of gliders. After accompanying a small group some ten miles through hostile territory, he assisted in defending the CP until designated to accompany a patrol which had the mission of making contact with the 4th Infantry Division. First Lieutenant TRIOLO displayed great coolness under fire and superior leadership in effecting contact with the 4th Infantry Division. First Lieutenant TRIOLO's indefatigable performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and his Division.

VI --- 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. MCGLOTHLIN, 6993823, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 30 April 1945 to 4 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class MCGLOTHLIN, battalion jeep driver, exposed himself to small arms and 20mm fire

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during some of the heaviest shelling to haul wounded men. He refused repeatedly to take cover, or rest during this time. Private First Class McGLOTHLIN's heroic action was an inspiration to all around him and in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne soldier. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

FRANCIS M. MOISE, JR., 01292738, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 16 September 1944 to 5 May 1945 in HOLLAND and BELGIUM. First Lieutenant MOISE, Battalion Communications Officer, lost half of his glider loads in enemy territory. Because his section was at half strength, he worked as lineman and radio operator and kept the Battalion Communication equipment in an excellent state of repair. He constantly went out to repair lines in exposed positions, while subject to heavy mortar and artillery fire. Through his superior ability, skill and courage, the battalion had excellent communication during the severe winter conditions in BELGIUM. First Lieutenant MOISE has never missed a day of combat, and his performance was a material contribution to the battalion's success. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

VII. -- 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:

DAVID G. CONNALLY, JR., 0453893, Captain, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 1943 to January 1945. Captain CONNALLY assumed command of his company early in the NORMANDY Campaign when it had been greatly decimated due to jump casualties. His knowledge of military engineering combined with calm but aggressive leadership enabled him to accomplish all engineer tasks assigned to his company during the NORMANDY, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns, and at the same time build up a high morale and fighting spirit among the officers and men under his command. At all times Captain CONNALLY's services have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TEXAS.

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VIII -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 12, 1945!

Section V, General Orders No. 12, this Headquarters, dated 29 January 1945, citing members of Company "A", 504th Parachute Infantry, for Heroic Conduct in Action is amended to include Private WALTER R. GREY, 31030518. Private GREY entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

IX -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 72, 1945:

So much of Section VI, General Orders No. 72, this Headquarters, dated 21 May 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant EDWARD E. SHELTON, 01996368, 165th Signal Photographic Company, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, a Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to First Lieutenant SHELTON.

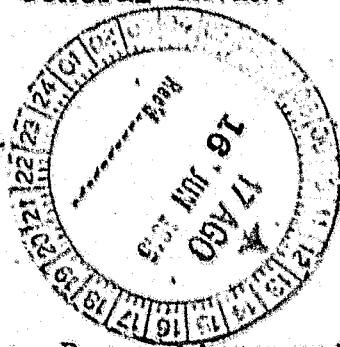
So much of Section VI, General Orders No. 72, this Headquarters, dated 21 May 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to Captain JAMES B. THOMPSON, 01170222, 605th Tank Destroyer Battalion, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, a Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to Captain THOMPSON.

By command of Major General GAVIN:

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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:

GEORGE D. LAMM, 01287020, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant LAMM, Platoon Leader, displayed rare courage and initiative when a combined enemy assault across the SALM River near ***, BELGIUM, overran his position. To disengage his platoon, First Lieutenant LAMM moved through fire-swept positions, personally informing his men of his plans, regrouped his platoon and led them through the enemy positions. First Lieutenant LAMM's coolness under fire, his aggressiveness, and his conduct enabled his platoon to successfully act as a covering force. They withdrew with minimum casualties under very hazardous circumstances. First Lieutenant LAMM's courage and leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

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

EARL BOSHELL, 34021645, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant BOSHELL, Squad Leader, moved forward alone and knocked out an artillery battery's observation post. He advanced through withering enemy machine gun fire which was directed at him within 75 yards where he fired on the observer, killing him and

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forcing the remaining four to withdraw. Sergeant BOSHELL's resolute courage and aggression neutralized this serious threat to his company's attack, which continued on to its objective without further casualties. Sergeant BOSHELL's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT PIERSON, FLORIDA.

CHARLIE G. COOPER, 18079552, Staff Sergeant (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 12 July 1943 near ***, SICILY. Staff Sergeant COOPER, Bazookaman, after having previously been wounded and refusing evacuation, was manning a vital roadblock when an enemy tank appeared and began shelling his position, causing numerous casualties. Staff Sergeant COOPER immediately crawled from his hole and started across an open field toward the tank. The tank crew switched their fire toward Staff Sergeant COOPER, but he continued to within fifty yards of the tank and made a direct hit on its turret, killing all of the crew. Staff Sergeant COOPER's quick thinking and cool courage and aggressiveness typified the highest traditions of the American Parachute Infantryman. Entered military service from WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

JOHN P. FOSTER, 12162174, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant FOSTER, Squad Leader, a member of the assault platoon, saw his squad fall prey of enemy automatic weapons and riflemen. Working his way around the right flank of the enemy, he charged the nearest position and closed with its occupant by jumping into the foxhole and taking him prisoner. He forced this man, a non-commissioned officer, to call to the next position and the unsuspecting enemy came over carrying his machine gun. With great audacity he seized the enemy machine gun and bested its holder in a fierce hand-to-hand encounter. His aggressiveness allowed his squad to clear the area, and permitted the whole company to continue its forward movement. His gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PATERSON, NEW JERSEY.

LEONARD A. FUNK, JR., 33070198, First Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action from 6 to 17 June 1944 in NORMANDY, FRANCE. First Sergeant FUNK, Company "C", after the NORMANDY jump, though suffering from a badly sprained ankle, gathered a group of eighteen men and set a route of march which he believed would lead the group to friendly lines. With unerring accuracy he led this group across twenty miles of enemy infested territory. During the major portion of the journey he acted as lead scout, refusing to jeopardize the safety of his men after three scouts had been lost. The group travelled by night and after numerous encounters with enemy groups, First Sergeant FUNK led them through the MLR to the security of our forces. First Sergeant FUNK's courage and determination was responsible for the group's safe return, and reflects great credit upon himself. Entered military service from WILKINSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

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JAMES C. HESSON, 01997781, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. While leading his platoon against a well dug in and numerically superior force of enemy, Second Lieutenant HESSON was fired upon by a machine gun. He immediately returned their fire and knocked out the gun as well as killing two members of the crew. A 20mm flak wagon and two machine guns then opened up with point-blank range into the platoon causing many casualties. Second Lieutenant HESSON, seriously wounded, insisted on remaining with his men until all the wounded had been given first aid and evacuated. Second Lieutenant HESSON's complete disregard for his own personal safety was greatly responsible for keeping up the morale of the men for the assignment still ahead of them. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

EDWARD S. LEE, 37519297, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 3 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. After seeing two of his comrades fall wounded from intense enemy machine gun fire, Private LEE, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, alone and unaided, crawled forward to a firing position and engaged six Germans armed with MP 43 weapons. He killed one, wounded two and caused the other three to surrender their positions. This allowed his squad to penetrate the enemy's main line of resistance and sever their communications. This soldier reflected great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HUTCHINSON, KANSAS.

JULIUS F. MANETH, JR., 38070965, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Sergeant MANETH, a Demolition Patrol Leader, in the absence of any officers, took it upon himself to organize the defense of one end of a factory which was being attacked by an overwhelming number of determined enemy supported by one tank. At one time in this fierce engagement he ran out into the open yard to destroy a group of six enemy with his sub-machine gun. After the attack had been repelled, Sergeant MANETH reorganized his men and withdrew them safely to the bank of the river. Throughout this entire engagement his conduct reflected credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from JEROME, CALIFORNIA.

III --- 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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JOSEPH E. DAVIS, 34674821, Private, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 13 May 1944 at ***, ENGLAND. Hearing cries that a boy was drowning in the River WEAVER, Private DAVIS unhesitatingly crossed the bridge, scaled a fence and dived into the river fully clothed to the spot where the bubbles were rising. After swimming about for awhile he located the boy, brought him to shore and helped restore him to consciousness with artificial respiration. This courageous act performed without thought of the danger to himself in strange waters with unknown hazards below the surface, was entirely responsible for saving the child from drowning. Entered military service from FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

RAYMOND E. HIRT, 37348176, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 19 March 1945 at Camp ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant HIRT, Mess Sergeant, by his quick thinking saved the life of a fellow soldier when a fire unit ignited and a KP standing near it was enveloped in flames. When he saw his comrade frantically running about and fanning the flames, Staff Sergeant HIRT (then Technician Fourth Grade) tackled the human torch and threw him to the ground. Unmindful of his own burns, he rolled his scorched friend over on the ground and succeeded in smothering the flames with a fatigue blouse. Without this prompt decisive action, the afflicted man would have been burned to death. Staff Sergeant HIRT's gallantry reflects great honor upon himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from FORT LOGAN, COLORADO.

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 individual:

JAMES R. CASTEEL, 0339372, Major, 508th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 December 1944 to 20 February 1945 in FRANCE and BELGIUM. Major CASTEEL, Regimental Supply Officer, when alerted for movement overnight, equipped the entire regiment with all arms, ammunition, clothing, and supplies available. During the early part of the BELGIUM Campaign he labored ceaselessly to secure proper footgear, warm clothing, food, and ammunition and throughout the entire campaign succeeded in maintaining a constant flow of all items, an achievement which contributed materially to the success of his regiment's missions. Entered military service from BAYARD, WEST VIRGINIA.

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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 L. AMEND, 35795400, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class AMEND, Bazooka Man, voluntarily took over the position of BAR gunner when his comrade was wounded and helped to drive off several vicious enemy counter-attacks with his accurate fire. When he ran out of ammunition for the BAR, he stood by with his bazooka and drove off an attack by two mobile 20mm flak wagons. Exposed to direct fire, he knocked out one of the flak wagons and aided greatly in forcing the enemy to withdraw. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from CINCINNATI, OHIO.

JOHN D. ANTINORI, 20362201, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 11 February 1944 near ***, ITALY. When his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded and evacuated, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) ANTINORI assumed command of his machine gun platoon. After a severe enemy artillery barrage, waves of German infantry attacked his company's thinly held line in an effort to reach the sea. Staff Sergeant ANTINORI placed his guns in a strategic location and with utter disregard for the intense enemy fire directed their fire upon the charging enemy. Even after his platoon had been cut off, Staff Sergeant ANTINORI continued to exhort and encourage his men with a superb display of leadership until the enemy attack was repulsed. Throughout this critical and bitterly fought engagement, Staff Sergeant ANTINORI's aggressive leadership and courage reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA.

GLYN ASHMORE, 34702424, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class ASHMORE during a heavy enemy artillery barrage, without regard for his personal safety, left his cover to go out and repair a telephone line that had been torn up by enemy shell fire. Later while under direct observation and artillery fire, Private First Class ASHMORE stretched 400 yards of wire across shell swept terrain. By his fearless devotion to duty, he kept essential telephone communication going at a very critical period. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ANNISTON, ALABAMA.

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JOHN AVERY, 36168943, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 26 December 1944 to 12 January 1945 in BELGIUM. Private First Class AVERY, Driver, volunteered on numerous occasions to act as a litter bearer to assist in the evacuation of wounded from areas under artillery and small arms fire. At all times Private First Class AVERY demonstrated great heroism and courage in driving his vehicle over roads which were not known to be cleared of mines, and beyond the limits expected of him in his desire to expedite the care of the wounded. Entered military service from CEDAR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN.

CHARLES D. BRAY, 39191832, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 13 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant BRAY, Mortar Squad Leader, and his company were held up by very effective rifle and machine gun fire. He crawled to an exposed position, and by firing his 60mm mortar without a baseplate, and adjusting the fire himself, succeeded in destroying an enemy machine gun position. During this action, Staff Sergeant BRAY was fully exposed, and drew much of the small arms fire upon himself. In spite of this fact, he remained in position. This act was a contributing factor in the early completion of the company mission, and is in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

JAMES R. PURSELL, 01289136, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. When his platoon had been cut to half its original size from heavy artillery and repeated attacks by the enemy, First Lieutenant PURSELL, heedless of the danger involved, placed himself in an exposed position where he could control his platoon. Twice the enemy launched heavy attacks of battalion strength, but First Lieutenant PURSELL's conspicuous bravery in the face of the overwhelming odds evoked within his men the will to stick it out to the last man. First Lieutenant PURSELL's leadership, initiative and aggressiveness when the situation seemed hopeless, earned for him the respect and admiration of every man present, and was in keeping with the highest standards of the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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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 G (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:

SAMUEL J. CLECKNER, 0619602, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 9 February 1944 near ***, ITALY. During a strong enemy attack on the company's position, Staff Sergeant CLECKNER (then Corporal), voluntarily and without regard for his own safety, remained in an exposed position to cover the withdrawal. Armed only with a rifle, Staff Sergeant CLECKNER repelled every attempt by the enemy to advance. Even after being seriously wounded, Staff Sergeant CLECKNER, with heroic tenacity, continued fighting until every man had reached new positions. As a result of his brave determination and heroic conduct, the gravity of his company's desperate position was relieved and the lives of many of his comrades saved. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

JAMES H. GOETHE, 0425992, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 December 1944 to 20 February 1945 in the ARDENNES. During the battle for ***, Captain (then First Lieutenant) GOETHE personally directed the action which resulted in the destruction of several enemy armored vehicles and the capture of the town from a vastly numerically superior enemy. Later he led his company as the spearhead unit of the Regimental attack towards the SINGFRIED Line, through a heavily wooded area covered with snow, overrunning all enemy fortifications, ammunition dumps and command posts for two thousand yards, capturing fifty prisoners and killing scores more without a casualty. His skillful leadership and unending efforts in accomplishing every task assigned him induced all who served under him towards greater efforts. Entered military service from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

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GILBERT GREENBERG, 12047814, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3-4 February 1945 in GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade GREENBERG, Battalion Commander's Radio Operator, displayed unusual allegiance to duty and fortitude in providing vital communications for the battalion commander in an attack against elements of the SIEGFRIED Line. At a time when control of his troops became excessively difficult due to extended frontage and communication lines, the battalion commander was able to maneuver his companies successfully through three successive missions. The splendid service rendered by Technician Fifth Grade GREENBERG despite exhaustion, cold and extremely harassing operating conditions is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.

WILLIAM W. KITCHIN, 0414244, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 18 December 1944 to 18 February 1945. Captain KITCHIN, Battalion Surgeon, in a campaign which necessitated a rapid sustained advance through mountains, wooded and snow-covered terrain, so organized his medical equipment and personnel that by hastily improvised sleds and all available transportation, a minimum of time was lost in the evacuation of the wounded. In isolated positions he was often an exposed target in the sniper-infested territory. Despite the loss of his assistant and others, Captain KITCHIN frequently tended the casualties of other units in addition to his own. His untiring efforts and courageous acts throughout the entire campaign served as an inspiration to the entire unit toward greater accomplishments. Entered military service from WAKE FOREST, NORTH CAROLINA.

JAMES R. PURSELL, 01289136, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***; BELGIUM. First Lieutenant PURSELL, Executive Officer, was enroute to the attacking platoon when he was fired on by several machine guns from the right flank. Gathering a few men he attacked across the open field firing his sub-machine gun and calling on the Germans to surrender. Reaching a position about thirty feet from two of the machine gun nests, First Lieutenant PURSELL threw several grenades into their position, killing three and wounding two others. He then charged the other positions, capturing seventeen Germans. The courageous action of First Lieutenant PURSELL eliminated an enemy threat against the remainder of the battalion and served as an inspiration to all who saw him. Entered military service from BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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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:

JAMES A. BELT, 15046588, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 at ****, BELGIUM. Heedless of heavy fire, Private First Class BELT, BAR Man, moved across 300 yards of open terrain and took up fire on a brick house that furnished cover for thirty to forty of the enemy, under cover of which his squad was enabled to advance. The German Commander was killed by Private First Class BELT's fire. He knocked out an enemy bazooka about to fire on one of the supporting tanks at a point blank range, and an enemy automatic weapon which was attempting to cover the enemy's withdrawal. Private First Class BELT's courageous action and gallant display of aggressiveness reflect honor on the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from KENTUCKY.

GEORGE E. CLARK, JR., 01296170, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant CLARK, Platoon Leader, and his platoon fought a delaying action across the SALM River although almost completely surrounded by an estimated battalion of enemy infantry reinforced by self-propelled guns. First Lieutenant CLARK, by his exemplary coolness while exposed to heavy enemy fire, maintained control and placed his men in strategic positions from which they could cover the withdrawal of the platoon's forward elements. When continued resistance on the east bank was impossible, he led the remainder of his men across the river, had the bridge blown, reorganized his platoon and repelled two enemy attempts to cross the river in his sector. First Lieutenant CLARK's gallantry, courage and dominant leadership enabled his platoon to accomplish its difficult mission and inflict heavy casualties on the enemy with a minimum loss of our own personnel. Entered military service from PROSPECT PARK, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM H. HAYSLETT, 33042326, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. When volunteers were solicited to drive a truck-load of vitally needed gammon grenades to the unit engaged in combat, Private HAYSLETT, Truck Driver, unhesitatingly volunteered for this mission. At a crossroad where military traffic was at a halt because of heavy enemy shelling of the road, Private HAYSLETT continued on down the shell-swept road and delivered his vital cargo to the unit's forward RSO in time to be of great use in the tactical situation. Private HAYSLETT's courage and high conception of duty reflected high credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PHOEBUS, VIRGINIA.

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ALBERT F. HILL, 19204156, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 April 1945 in ***, GERMANY. Private First Class HILL, Demolition Man, was with a small group who had been surrounded by a company of enemy. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class HILL exposed himself to a hail of small arms fire and direct fire on three different occasions in an effort to fire a bazooka at a tank. On his fourth try, he hit the tank and forced it to withdraw. His courageous action was highly instrumental in saving his comrades from a serious situation. Entered military service from FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA.

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CLAYTON M. HITCH, ~~34189869~~, Technical Sergeant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 21 December 1944 to 15 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technical Sergeant HITCH displayed superior ability and courage in the maintenance of communication both wire and radio. He directed the laying of lines to forward infantry command posts and forward observers and he accompanied the wire crews acting as a lineman to facilitate communications. On many occasions he serviced lines during the entire night and in snow and sub-zero weather conditions, rain and mud, and in the face of enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. His untiring devotion to duty and initiative reflect credit upon the highest traditions of the Airborne forces. Entered military service from MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE.

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THOMAS E. KANE, 32677685, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. While his company was being counter-attacked, Private KANE, a medical aid man, voluntarily exposed himself to a curtain of machine gun and rifle fire in order to rescue a wounded comrade. Private KANE later made a reconnaissance through a heavily mined field to find the safest and shortest route for litter bearers to the boats. His initiative and dauntless efforts were a great factor in the successful care and evacuation of the wounded, and typical of the high standards of the United States Medical Corps. Entered military service from ELMIRA, NEW YORK.

JOHN I. KASLIKOWSKI, 11019641, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6-7 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant KASLIKOWSKI and his section were cut off during savage enemy counterattacks and surrounded by overwhelming forces of German tanks and infantry. He collected his men and the elements of disorganized forces, and withdrew through ambushes and fire-fights to a building in the middle of enemy troops. He inspired his men by his own heroic actions to throw back numerous enemy attacks. At 0300 he led his men through enemy held positions to a beach where he personally attended the wounded and directed evacuation across the river. His heroic devotion to duty, intelligent and fearless leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

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GERALD C. LOCKWOOD, 37708745, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 January 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class LOCKWOOD, Lead Scout, Company "D", distinguished himself on many occasions during the BELGIUM Campaign. The information which he secured proved valuable and often prevented serious losses. During one attack while operating far in advance of his unit, he observed a group of sixty-five Germans moving in his direction. He hastily contacted his company, and an ambush was prepared which netted the entire group without a casualty being suffered by our own men. His actions reflect credit upon himself and have rendered a great service to his regiment, thus maintaining the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DENVER, COLORADO.

JOHN W. McINNES, 35773489, Private First Class, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class McINNES, Assistant Machine Gunner, Company "C", was wounded by shrapnel. Although suffering from a broken right elbow, Private First Class McINNES continued with his platoon, carrying his tommy gun slung on his left shoulder and the machine gun tripod in his left hand. When attacked, Private First Class McINNES set up his machine gun and knocked out an enemy machine gun. He then continued with the platoon in the assault on the town. Until the objective had been successfully taken, he refused to be treated until all other wounded had been attended to. Private First Class McINNES' complete disregard for his own injuries and his aggressiveness during the attack was in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army.

JAMES M. McNAMARA, 31005294, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 April 1945 in ***, GERMANY. Private First Class McNAMARA, Demolition Man, was a member of a small group surrounded in a factory and under direct attack from a company of enemy infantry supported by one tank. Seeing an assault crew of fifteen enemy preparing to storm one end of the factory, Private First Class McNAMARA, with utter disregard for a hail of small arms, machine gun and panzerfaust fire, worked his way to a point of vantage and threw a gammon grenade in the midst of the enemy, killing or wounding the entire group. This timely and courageous action enabled his comrades to escape in the resulting confusion in the enemy ranks and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CLINTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

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LOYLE O. McREYNOLDS, 01294171, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29-30 January 1945 in the vicinity of ***, BELGIUM and ***, BELGIUM. Captain McREYNOLDS (then First Lieutenant), Company Commander, personally led his company in an attack across heavily wooded, rugged terrain in deep snow, with such skill and aggressiveness that in the two day attack, he maintained contact and inflicted heavy casualties upon a retreating column of enemy paratroopers. Brushing aside or capturing delaying groups, he attacked with such swiftness that a battery of three 88mm field pieces, together with their crews and numerous stores of ammunition and supplies were captured. Near ***, he ambushed and captured a numerically superior enemy force without a single casualty in his own company. Captain McREYNOLD's coolness under fire and excellent judgment reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from COOLIDGE, TEXAS.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

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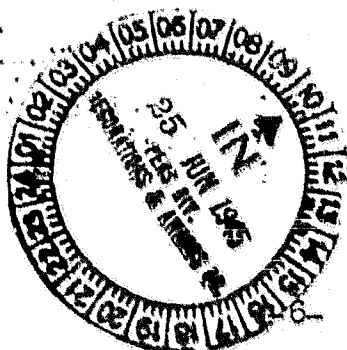
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I -- AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

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

GEORGE W. ROBERTS, 02045221, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For thirty-five sorties from 8 July 1944 to 13 October 1944 during the NORMANDY and HOLLAND Campaigns. First Lieutenant ROBERTS distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five sorties as an artillery liaison pilot in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, First Lieutenant ROBERTS was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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:

JOHN E. STRENGTH, 14098044, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) STRENGTH, Radio Operator, saw a man hit by direct fire from an enemy machine gun. A medical aid man who came to his aid became a casualty. Though the artillery and small arms fire were intense, Sergeant STRENGTH left his covered position and rushed to the spot. An artillery shell fragment lodged in his radio and his pistol stopped a machine gun bullet, but Sergeant STRENGTH calmly and efficiently administered first aid to his comrades, never once failing to keep radio contact. He was miraculously unharmed in this action. Entered military service from BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

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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 individuals:

JOHN J. MITEK, 13052990, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant MITEK, 81mm Mortar Observer, directed murderous fire into the ranks of counter-attacking enemy infantry, despite the fact that his OP, high in a steeple, was being constantly struck by enemy artillery. Under a German artillery barrage, Staff Sergeant MITEK moved twice to different OP's to keep his mortar fire falling upon the enemy. His fearless disregard for personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

THOMAS J. PATTERSON, 12207689, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action at ***, BELGIUM, on 21 December 1944. Staff Sergeant PATTERSON, (then Private First Class), 3AR Gunner, voluntarily attacked an enemy machine gun nest that was holding up the platoon's advance. He left his place of safety and advanced until he had succeeded in getting behind the enemy position. From his point of vantage, he sprayed the nest with fire, destroying the gun and killing the crew. Staff Sergeant PATTERSON's gallant single-handed attack enabled his platoon to continue its advance on schedule and his actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from RANDOLPH, NEW YORK.

FRED H. SAAR, 37172096, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class SAAR during a heavy enemy artillery barrage, without regard for his personal safety, left his cover to go out and repair a telephone line which had been torn up by enemy shell fire. Later while under direct observation and artillery fire, Private First Class SAAR stretched 400 yards of wire across shell-swept terrain. By his fearless devotion to duty he kept essential telephone communication going at a very critical period. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LEONARD, NORTH DAKOTA.

ROBERT D. SHIELDS, 32192739, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant SHIELDS, Section Leader, voluntarily moved through enemy positions to rear areas to locate a 300 radio antenna and handset for a radio which was the only means of communications that an isolated group of about sixty paratroopers had during six days. Staff Sergeant SHIELDS on his return trip with his radio

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salvaged a bazooka and ammunition. The equipment he retrieved with great personal risk to himself enabled his group to withstand repeated enemy attacks with minimum casualties. Entered military service from PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK.

FREDERICK J. SILVEY, 0356134, Major, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 18 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. In the Airborne invasion of HOLLAND, his glider landed approximately five miles in GERMANY among intense small arms, machine gun and mortar fire. Major SILVEY, with the utmost coolness and utter disregard for his personal safety, organized the men in his glider and administered first aid to one man who was wounded and weak from loss of blood. He was completely surrounded by the enemy, but by his skillful handling of the situation he was able to fight through the enemy and bring every man to friendly lines. His coolness under fire and his utter disregard for his personal safety was directly responsible for bringing every member of his group to safety. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

WALTER SPITZER, 01997751, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 17 September 1944 to 6 May 1945, during the HOLLAND, ARDENNES and GERMAN Campaigns. In the capacity of Prisoner of War Interrogator, Second Lieutenant SPITZER has performed his duty with outstanding ingenuity, intelligence and a high degree of skill. His prompt and efficient interrogation of both prisoners and civilians in the combat zones has enabled his command to make vital tactical decisions. His work has been both a credit to himself and of inestimable value to his organization. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

GORDON C. STENHOUSE, 0327543, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Captain STENHOUSE, Battalion Surgeon, cared for and evacuated wounded under the most adverse weather conditions the unit ever encountered. While trailing the battalion convoy through a woady area, the rear of the convoy came under intense shell fire and many were being wounded and some killed. Captain STENHOUSE, though the shelling was still in progress, moved about administering aid to the wounded and placing them in places of greater safety. This heroic conduct on the part of Captain STENHOUSE reflects great credit on the Regiment and the Medical Corps. Entered military service from BRONXVILLE, NEW YORK.

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IV -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 31, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 31, this Headquarters, dated 10 March 1945, pertaining to the award of the Silver Star Medal posthumously to PAUL E. HAYDEN as reads "For gallantry in action on 20 December 1944" is amended to read "For gallantry in action on 21 December 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 (..G) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

GEORGE A. AMOS, 01325850, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. While leading his platoon on a reconnaissance for a road block position, two enemy machine guns and several riflemen unexpectedly opened fire on the platoon. With utter disregard for his own safety, Second Lieutenant AMOS, single-handedly, charged the nearest machine gun nest, killing the four occupants with his submachine gun. From this position he delivered a withering fire, knocking out the other machine gun and forcing the remaining enemy to withdraw from a vital spot, thus enabling the platoon to accomplish its mission. The brilliant courage and daring actions of Second Lieutenant AMOS were an inspiration to all, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

RAYMOND A. SLOCUM, 32037037, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 25 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant SLOCUM, Squad Leader, was second in command of an engineer mine laying party whose mission was to prepare a substantial anti-tank road block. A 120mm mortar shell landed in the party, killing the officer in charge and seriously wounding all the men except one. Sergeant SLOCUM, although wounded by shrapnel in the leg, took charge of the situation immediately, sent back three of the seriously wounded, gave what first aid he could to the other wounded men and laid the road block himself with no protection or covering party and with only one man to help him. Sergeant SLOCUM's leadership and his resolution to carry out his squad's mission with utter disregard for his own personal safety contributed greatly to halting the enemy armored attack. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

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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 individual:

JOSEPH L. MELAHN, 32792510, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class MELAHN, Wireman, when the 81mm mortar platoon's observation post 300 yards in front of the outpost line of resistance came under particularly fierce enemy artillery fire and its communications lines were blown out, showed disregard for his personal safety. Private First Class MELAHN, without waiting for order, exposed himself to the intense artillery and small arms fire and repaired the wires under a hail of bullets in time to complete a fire mission. Before he could regain the cover of the observation post, he was killed by a direct artillery hit. The heroic manner in which Private First Class MELAHN willingly made the supreme sacrifice reflects great honor upon himself and on the country for which he gave his life. Entered military service from FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK.

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:

AUGUSTIN S. HART, JR., 0350665, Major, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 21 February 1945. During campaigns in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY he demonstrated superior professional qualities, organizing ability and mature judgment as Division Artillery S-1 and S-4. The tremendous logistical requirements of the airborne operation in HOLLAND presented grave problems; equally difficult were those during the BELGIAN Campaign, in which the artillery battalions were forced to operate with only the scanty transportation of an airborne division. Solutions to these problems devised by Major HART materially aided the artillery to accomplish its mission during these critical operations. His work reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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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 individual:

RAYMOND A. SLOCUM, 32027057, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 20 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant SLOCUM, Squad Leader, led his squad of engineers across open terrain with little or no cover. Many barbed wire fences were obstacles to the advance and the sector was covered by heavy enemy small arms fire. Sergeant SLOCUM exposed himself to enemy fire, rushed ahead of his squad through the openings, cheered and shouted, and kept the fighting spirit of his men at peak level. Sergeant SLOCUM's leadership and heroic conduct contributed greatly to the success of the attack. Entered military service from NEW YORK.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GAVIN:

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I -- 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:

DARWIN P. GERARD, O1182838, Captain (then 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 24 June 1944 to 4 October 1944. On all these missions, Captain GERARD was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

CARROLL B. ISHEE, O1169583; 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 September 24, 1944, to November 7, 1944. On all these missions First Lieutenant ISHEE was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from HATTIESBURG, 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:

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MARTIN E. MIDDLETON, 01299926, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Two battalions of enemy infantry were threatening the right flank and attempting to split the battalion. First Lieutenant MIDDLETON skillfully deployed his platoon and counter-attacked so fiercely that the enemy was disorganized and forced to fall back. During the engagement, First Lieutenant MIDDLETON rushed out amid a hail of rifle and machine gun fire to the assistance of the platoon aid man who lay seriously wounded in an exposed position and carried him back to a position of safety. The heroic and unselfish conduct of First Lieutenant MIDDLETON was an inspiration to his platoon and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

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 individuals:

HAROLD B. ENGBAHL, 38132316, Private First Class, 740th Tank Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 31 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During a violent attack his tank became mired and repeated efforts while under anti-tank fire failed to extricate it. Private First Class ENGBAHL finally realizing that he could not free his tank in time to continue supporting the attack, dismounted and joined the forward elements of the infantry and fought courageously while the objective was taken. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Private First Class ENGBAHL are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from BRADY, TEXAS.

MELVILLE A. FARRINGTON, 32168568, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. When his platoon was pinned down to its position by heavy fire from a flak wagon and machine guns at close range, Staff Sergeant FARRINGTON, realizing that his platoon's situation was perilous, jumped from his foxhole and began throwing hand grenades at the attacking enemy infantry. Exhausting his supply of grenades he remained exposed to the heavy enemy fire and delivered such a volume of accurate fire that the attack was disorganized. The quick thinking and daring of Staff Sergeant FARRINGTON inspired the platoon and the attack was driven off. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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DAFORD O. GAMBILL, 18079928, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in SICILY, ITALY, HOLLAND and BELGIUM for the period 11 July 1943 to 4 February 1945. Technical Sergeant GAMBILL performed the duties of Platoon Sergeant and on several occasions was acting Platoon Leader. The excellent manner in which he conducted himself under the different assignments made him one of the most respected men in the company. Technical Sergeant GAMBILL's courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

MYRON S. HARDY, 32043824, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 12 November 1944 in HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant HARDY, Battalion Mess Sergeant, assumed the additional duty of Battalion Supply Sergeant when the latter was injured on the initial parachute jump. He immediately organized a salvage detail and cleared the drop zone of all equipment and ammunition despite heavy enemy sniper fire. Later in the campaign he made many trips across fire-swept terrain to deliver ammunition to front line troops. Staff Sergeant HARDY's tireless efforts and great devotion to duty throughout the entire campaign typify the high standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ALBANY, NEW YORK.

ELWARD O. LEDFORD, 18062590, Private, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For heroic conduct in action on 18 June 1944 near *** FRANCE. Private LEDFORD's organization was confronted with the task of improvising some method of modifying the six-pounder anti-tank guns of the Division to protect the gun crews from enemy small arms fire, and the actual work had to be done under fire. Private LEDFORD volunteered to go forward and perform the necessary welding. He worked under the most adverse conditions. Private LEDFORD exercised great ingenuity and phenomenal energy in devising means of getting the job done. By his diligent and fearless efforts, Private LEDFORD contributed greatly to the improved performance of anti-tank guns. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from LAWTON, OKLAHOMA.

RICHARD LOVELAND, 20225434, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant LOVELAND's squad became separated from the platoon during a heated attack on fortifications in the SIEGFRIED LINE. Realizing the necessity for continuing the attack, he maneuvered his squad into position and led the assault on the fifth enemy pillbox, personally accounting for four enemy dead and five prisoners. His skillful handling of the squad was a big factor towards the company's achieving the objective with a minimum of casualties. The quick thinking and courageous action of Sergeant LOVELAND reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY.

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HENRY J. MAREK, 35500368, Private, 782d Airborne Ordnance Maintenance Company. For heroic conduct in action on 18 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Private MAREK's organization was confronted with the task of improvising some method of modifying the six pounder anti-tank guns of the Division to protect the gun crews from enemy small arms fire, and the actual work had to be done under fire. Private MAREK volunteered to go forward and perform the necessary welding. He operated under the most adverse conditions. Despite the lack of sufficient armor plate, Private MAREK exercised great ingenuity and phenomenal energy in devising means of getting the job done. By his diligent and fearless efforts, Private MAREK contributed greatly to the improved performance on anti-tank guns during the following combat missions. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from CAMP PERRY, OHIO.

CURTIS ODOM, 6972692, First Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. During an attack on a strongly held enemy position, his platoon leader was seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position in the middle of a field raked by enemy machine gun fire. First Sergeant ODOM, with utter disregard for his own life, left his place of cover and ran sixty yards across open terrain to the wounded officer. Under a hail of fire he carried the wounded officer to a place of safety where he rendered first aid. First Sergeant ODOM's unselfish and gallant act was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and saved the life of one of his officers. Entered military service from SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

ARNE RANTA, 19071168, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When the platoon leader was killed in the attack across open terrain against heavily fortified enemy positions, Technical Sergeant RANTA quickly took command and led the attack. His superb leadership restored confidence and under his direction the platoon made such a determined attack that the superior enemy forces were overrun. The quick thinking and courageous action of Technical Sergeant RANTA at a critical time reflects credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

ABRAHAM ROSNER, 34208046, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. During an attack on the SIEGFRIED LINE, Private ROSNER, an interpreter, disdaining to remain in his logical position in the rear, moved into a fire-swept area to assist a critically wounded comrade. Later he joined in a three-man assault upon a large concrete pillbox. After an intense assault, he cunningly made use of his ability to speak German, and persuaded a German Parachute Officer and twelve men to surrender, undoubtedly saving his platoon a number of casualties. Private ROSNER's courage and intelligence reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MIAMI, FLORIDA.

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ROBERT M. TALLON, 20404562, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1943 to 21 February 1945. During the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND and ARDENNES Campaigns, Staff Sergeant TALLON executed the duties of Battalion Operations Sergeant in an extremely exemplary manner, frequently filling officers' duties. He constantly visited the most exposed position of his battalion in order to secure accurate information on troop dispositions and was twice wounded while thus engaged. Throughout this period of often arduous and exacting combat conditions, Staff Sergeant TALLON rendered his battalion invaluable assistance, and his conduct and accomplishments reflect the highest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from SOUTH CAROLINA.

ANDREW J. WARNER, 6942291, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from December 1943 to 18 February 1945. In December 1943, on Hill 1205 near ***, ITALY, Staff Sergeant WARNER (then Corporal) daily descended the mountain with wounded men over a period of seventeen days, returning with greatly needed rations and reinforcements. This arduous climb was made in addition to keeping his squad in action. Near ***, BELGIUM, when his light machine gun was destroyed by a severe enemy artillery concentration on 2 January 1945, Staff Sergeant WARNER (then Sergeant) at great personal risk, brought up another gun from the rear over a route covered with hostile fire. The resumption of fire lent valuable support to the tanks and infantry attacking through his position. Entered military service from WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

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

ROY L. JAMES, 01314020, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Although his platoon was under heavy fire from an enemy fortification to his front, First Lieutenant JAMES, seeing that fortifications to his right were causing heavy casualties and impeding the company attack, skillfully maneuvered his platoon to the right flank and attacked the enemy pillboxes. He personally led his men through a mine field covered with snow. First Lieutenant JAMES fell mortally wounded upon reaching the first pillbox, but his example of cool, courageous leadership and complete disregard for his own safety inspired his men on to the successful elimination of the entire group of fortifications. Entered military service from EASTON, MARYLAND.

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DIEGO LISCIANI, 36028602, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant LISCIANI led his squad in an attack on a series of enemy pillboxes which were concentrating intense machine gun fire on the advance elements of the company. Continually exposing himself to deliver sub-machine gun fire into the apertures of the pillboxes, he enabled bazooka teams to place their effective fire still at the head of his squad, he was killed by machine gun fire while attacking the sixth pillbox. Staff Sergeant LISCIANI's courage and conduct under fire set an example for every man in his squad and had much to do with the success of the attack. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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 individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date indicated:

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VI -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 42, 1945:

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 42, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, dated 23 March 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant ROBERT W. TRIBE, 01103442, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded.

By command of Brigadier General MARCH:

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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:

SHERMAN VAN ENWYCK, 12131838, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 14 June 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Staff Sergeant VAN ENWYCK, Squad Leader, Company "A", single-handed, destroyed one machine gun nest, killed five Germans, helped neutralize another enemy machine gun nest, and killed a German sniper. Seeing his company's advance held up by an enemy machine gun, Staff Sergeant VAN ENWYCK, armed with grenades crawled forward and reduced the position. As the company advanced, he saw another machine gun position to his flank. Completely exposing himself, he rushed toward the gun and killed two of the gun crew before he was wounded. While being evacuated for his wounds, he killed an enemy sniper. His singular acts of heroism were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

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:

WILLIAM A. DEAN, 13093223, Technician Fifth Grade, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 13 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Technician Fifth Grade DEAN, Radio Operator, Company "B", led his company at night through an elaborate chain of shoe-mine fields laid by the enemy. The company had been ordered to take the high ground dominating the River ROER but was held up after one man had been killed and three others wounded. Technician Fifth Grade DEAN voluntarily took the lead and with the aid of his radio relayed guiding messages back to the company. He was so successful in guiding the men that his heroic action enabled the

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company to proceed with the attack and gain their objective. Entered military service from STEELTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

DUANE A. DENNISON, 15337054, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry For heroic conduct in action on 30 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Sergeant DENNISON, Acting Squad Leader, Company "A", was responsible for the rescue of two of his men who were ambushed on an outpost. Under heavy covering fire, a German patrol approached the outpost and was encircling it. Sergeant DENNISON fought his way to his men, brought them back safely and was the last man to leave. Armed with a rifle he held off the enemy until his men had reached safety. Sergeant DENNISON then led another group in an attack which succeeded in retaking the outpost. His courage contributed highly to the defense of his company's position. Entered military service from SALEM, WEST VIRGINIA.

JOSEPH A. DONAHUE, 13107191, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 18 December 1944 to 11 January 1945, west of the SALM River, BELGIUM. Sergeant DONAHUE, Squad Leader, had the mission of preparing bridges for demolition and placing minefields. He executed all work with complete thoroughness, using initiative and ingenuity beyond that required to complete the assigned tasks, thereby further hindering enemy forces and aiding our cause. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

ELEK HARTMAN, 15329231, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 at ***, GERMANY. Private HARTMAN, Radio Operator, Company "B", demonstrated great personal courage by remaining in position during a strong counter-attack by the enemy while his company was withdrawing. He directed punishing artillery fire upon the Germans who approached within 75 yards of his position. His heroic action caused heavy casualties to the enemy and allowed his company to take up new defensive positions. His devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the service. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO

WARREN G. HAYES, 7001686, Staff Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 9 July 1943 to 22 March 1944. Staff Sergeant HAYES, Platoon Sergeant, through his constant diligence, perseverance and devotion to duty, was capable of taking command and organizing greater numbers of troops than his position demanded. When situations required skilled leadership, he efficiently performed such engineer tasks as laying mines, clearing mines and wire entanglements, accompanying and aiding assault tanks, and guiding advancing infantrymen through mine cleared areas. Staff Sergeant HAYES participation in the SICILIAN and ITALIAN Campaigns and his actions during these campaigns materially aided our forces in accomplishing their respective missions. Entered military service from NORTH CAROLINA.

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CHARLES D. KENT, JR., 35145489, Staff Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 22 September 1944 at ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant KENT, Supply Sergeant, Company "A", after his company had been isolated by the enemy succeeded in breaking through and resupplying them with much needed supplies. Staff Sergeant KENT fought his way to the company with a small patrol, killing several Germans in the attempt, and thereby enabled Company "A" to continue its heroic stand. His actions were in keeping with the high ideals and standards of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MIDDLETOWN, OHIO.

SETH W. MILLESON, JR., 39177634, Corporal, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 25 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal MILLESON, Assistant Squad Leader, was leader of an engineer party whose mission was to guard a culvert and to demolish it on regimental order or if an enemy breakthrough was imminent. When Corporal MILLESON's party reached the vicinity of the culvert, Corporal MILLESON discovered that enemy armor had already reached the area. Headless of his own safety, Corporal MILLESON went forward 500 yards to the culvert over ground raked by heavy machine gun fire from enemy armor and under an intense artillery barrage, and ignited the charge, thus creating an effective roadblock. Corporal MILLESON's quick thinking and devotion to duty contributed to halting the enemy tank advance. Entered military service from MONTANA.

JOHN J. MULLEN, JR., 15323097, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 25-26 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant MULLEN, Squad Leader, Company "A", on an outpost with two other men, prevented the enemy from setting up their own OP in the area. He fought off numerous attempts by the enemy to infiltrate his position, moving to one flank or the other to repel their attacks. Although wounded in one of these engagements, Sergeant MULLEN insisted on staying in position and denied the enemy close observation of his platoon and company's positions. His actions upheld the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

RALPH L. SCHULTZ, 39130587, Sergeant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant SCHULTZ, Squad Leader, while leading his squad, whose mission was to clear all obstacles and mines in the path of assault tanks came upon a blown bridge that was covered with heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. He made this obstacle passable with help from his squad and other available men. Proceeding with the leading tank under constant enemy fire, he continued to clear all obstacles, even when only two men remained in his squad. He was wounded by shrapnel and small arms fire, but refused evacuation until ordered to go to the aid station. Sergeant SCHULTZ's heroic conduct, devotion to duty, and utter disregard for personal safety assured the successful accomplishment of the mission. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

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JAMES R. SMITH, 34805920, Private, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private SMITH, Demolitionist, Company "D", was a member of a group which prepared a culvert for demolition on the *** Road. They delayed its destruction in order to allow elements of a friendly armored column to escape to our lines. Private SMITH, an officer and another man, remained at this position until 2200 hours destroying the culvert only after the last American vehicle had passed through with enemy tanks in hot pursuit of the column. The demolition was successful and delayed the enemy's advance along this route. Private SMITH and the other members of his party returned to our lines through an area in which the enemy had infiltrated. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

MAURICE E. WHEELOCK, 01057936, Second Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24-25 December 1944 in ***, BELGIUM. Second Lieutenant WHEELOCK, Platoon Leader, Company "B", deployed his platoon as a holding force. His position was attacked by an estimated company and overrun. He moved his platoon to an alternate position. Though wounded he returned alone to the original position, located missing men, brought them safely back, then continued his defense. His leadership and devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA.

ROBERT B. WHITE, 15337117, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant WHITE, Squad Leader, Company "A", was assigned the mission of covering a highway and two railway bridges which were the possible avenues of an enemy attack. Seeing that the enemy was preparing to attack, Sergeant WHITE, moved from foxhole to foxhole alerting his men. With utter disregard for enemy mortar and small arms fire, he walked boldly from man to man encouraging and directing their defense. He personally accounted for several of the enemy killed and wounded. The enemy attack was repulsed because of his alertness. Throughout the attack his actions were an inspiration to all members of his squad and was exemplary of the highest ideals of the Army. Entered military service from ST. ALBANS, WEST VIRGINIA.

LESLIE S. WOOLLEY, 32596186, Corporal, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Corporal WOOLLEY, Squad Leader, Company "D", was a member of a group which prepared a culvert for demolition on the *** Road. They delayed its destruction in order to allow elements of a friendly armored column to escape to our lines. Corporal WOOLLEY, an officer, and another man, remained at this position until 2200 hours destroying the culvert only after the last American vehicle had passed through. At that time enemy tanks were in hot pursuit of the column. The demolition was successful and delayed the enemy's advance along this route. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

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III -- 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 unit:

82d Parachute Maintenance Company, 82d Airborne Division:
For superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks during the period 1 February 1944 to 18 September 1944.

IV -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

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

Tec 5	Andrew J. Ban	36522484	82d Procht Maint Co, 82d Abn Div	13 Sep 43	ITALY
T Sgt	Charles F. Miller	37219624	82d Procht Maint Co, 82d Abn Div	13 Sep 43	ITALY
Capt	Abraham Novinsky	0494541	307th Abn Med Co	14 Sep 44	HOLLAND
Pvt	Ralph O. Brady	35948055	307th Abn Med Co	2 Oct 44	HOLLAND
Tec 5	Sterling White	35137462	307th Abn Med Co	18 Sep 44	HOLLAND
Pfc	Mike Stornetta	39845612	307th Abn Med Co	29 Sep 44	HOLLAND
Capt	Nathan Rosenberg	0498416	307th Abn Med Co	3 Jul 44	NORMANDY

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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 R. NICKERSON, 31425737, Private First Class, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For gallantry in action on 31 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. On a reconnaissance mission to locate enemy dispositions, the lead vehicle came under intense machine gun, mortar and small arms fire and was pinned down. Upon his own initiative, Private First Class NICKERSON, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, succeeded in crawling 400 yards to within 50 yards of the enemy outpost. He killed two machine gunners and forced the remaining nine men to surrender. Private First Class NICKERSON's personal courage and exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS.

II -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

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

HAROLD TRUSWELL, 32929643, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 October 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class TRUSWELL moved forward through a hail of machine gun and rifle fire to within thirty yards of an enemy strongpoint, set up his machine gun and pinned the enemy in their holes with his extremely accurate fire. Not being able to knock it out with his machine gun, he charged the last thirty yards and fired into the enemy machine gun position with his pistol, killing one and wounding another. Attacked with hand grenades, Private First Class TRUSWELL moved back about fifteen yards and started throwing

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grenades, wiping out the remaining threat to the squad. This heroic action saved his squad serious losses. Entered military service from NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK.

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 individual:

HAROLD MILLS, 35235907, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 4-5 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When the combat patrol of which Sergeant MILLS was a member had reached the east bank of the RHINE River, it was met by intense machine gun fire which temporarily unnerved the members of the patrol. Sergeant MILLS reorganized his patrol and continued to the edge of the town where he advanced alone toward the enemy positions. Using his sub-machine gun with great effect and throwing hand grenades, Sergeant MILLS knocked out a German gun emplacement before he was killed by a burst of fire from another gun. Sergeant MILLS' unselfish gallantry served as an inspiration to the remaining members of the patrol and reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from AKRON, OHIO.

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:

HORACE V. CARLOCK, 0395543, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action for the period 20-24 December 1943 near ***, ITALY. First Lieutenant CARLOCK led his platoon against a strongly held enemy hill. Almost to the top, intense small arms, grenade and mortar fire halted him. He dug in and waged a vicious close quarter fight for four days against numerically superior elements of a crack German unit. Three times he beat off enemy counterattacks. On the fifth night First Lieutenant CARLOCK inspired his exhausted remaining men to successfully assault the enemy, killing eight and capturing nineteen prisoners and four machine guns intact with much ammunition. First Lieutenant CARLOCK's personal bravery, inspiring leadership, determination and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

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VERNON E. FRENCH, 36220326, Sergeant, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in action on 31 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant FRENCH, a scout, was riding in the lead reconnaissance jeep when it came under direct enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant FRENCH exposed himself so as to enable the gunner on the jeep to lay effective fire on the enemy machine-gun, then voluntarily proceeded without thought of his own personal risk until he reached a position where he could throw a hand grenade and silenced the enemy machine gun. Sergeant FRENCH's ability to act on his own in such a crisis was an exemplary inspiration for his fellow soldiers and a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PORTAGE, WISCONSIN.

LOUIS E. ORVIN, JR., 20407689, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 9 February 1945 near ***, ITALY. When an overwhelming enemy force attacked his company, and the sole remaining officer was wounded and lay in a critical condition on a road raked by enemy fire, Technical Sergeant ORVIN, without thought of his own personal safety, left his position of safety and ran through the intense fire to his side. Shielding the officer's body with his own, he dragged him to a safe position and rendered first aid. Assuming command of his battered company, Technical Sergeant ORVIN successfully directed the defense of the vital sector, maneuvered his small force to a new line with a minimum of losses and continued to repel the furious German attacks. The conspicuous courage and capable leadership of Technical Sergeant ORVIN reflects great credit upon the Allied Forces. Entered military service from SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

V -- 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:

KEN BARTON, 17060394, First Sergeant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in action on 28 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Sergeant BARTON, his company in reserve, left the Company CP, and, in the face of intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, organized and led litter teams to evacuate the wounded of the assault company. In four hazardous trips, First Sergeant BARTON carried twenty casualties to the aid station. Later, in the face of counterattacks, First Sergeant BARTON twice drove a jeep across four hundred yards of exposed terrain, and, with complete disregard for his personal safety assisted aid men to load casualties in the vehicle and evacuate them. The gallantry and courage displayed by First Sergeant BARTON did much to aid in saving a number of lives and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA.

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JOYCE P. BRAKKEN, 37172736, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 at ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class BRAKKEN, while participating in the crossing of the WAAL River, acted initially as a sniper for his platoon, causing at least ten casualties. A member of a BAR team was wounded and unable to move from the exposed position where he had fallen. Private First Class BRAKKEN moved out in the face of the heavy enemy fire and moved his fallen comrade to a position of safety. He was hit in the arm, losing the use of it, but took up the fight, killing two of the crew of a troublesome machine gun. Entered military service from MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

DONALD J. FOLEY, 19199351, Technician Fifth Grade, Reconnaissance Platoon, 82d Airborne Division. For heroic conduct in action on 19 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. On 19 December 1944, Technician Fifth Grade FOLEY (then Private First Class), driver, voluntarily returned to the town then in German hands to retrieve a radio jeep that had been abandoned the previous day due to engine trouble. Technician Fifth Grade FOLEY, with two picked men, returned through territory recently captured by the enemy, and led his men into town. After dodging enemy patrols for about an hour he finally managed to retrieve the vehicle and returned over the same route to the Division CP. Technician Fifth Grade FOLEY's actions were in keeping with the highest ideals of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK.

HENRY G. HOFFMAN, 15115665, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 29 September 1944 near ***, GERMANY. After his platoon's medical aid men was killed and several men wounded during a strong enemy counterattack, Sergeant HOFFMAN, a squad leader, crawled from his foxhole to aid the wounded. After rendering first aid he advanced alone into the face of the enemy fire and single-handedly drove off the attacking enemy, inflicting heavy casualties in their ranks. Sergeant HOFFMAN's actions reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

LEE S. JOHNSTON, 12058449, Technician Fourth Grade, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade JOHNSTON, Radio Operator, was with the second platoon when they were in danger of being flanked by an enemy machine gun crew. With utter disregard for his own life, Technician Fourth Grade JOHNSTON, seized a BAR from a wounded man and intercepted the German crew, wounding two and forcing the remainder to withdraw. He remained in an exposed position covering the platoon's left flank until the objective was reached. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

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SAMUEL R. MINSHEW, 14027730, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 9 July 1943 to 5 January 1945 in SICILY, ITALY, NORMANDY, HOLLAND and the ARDENNES. Private First Class MINSHEW BAR and Mortar Gunner, during the four airborne and one ground operation has proven himself to be courageous, efficient and dependable. On numerous occasions his quiet sense of humor has relieved the tension in difficult situations due to enemy action and difficult weather conditions. Between combat operations, Private First Class MINSHEW gave instructions in use of the BAR and was largely responsible for the high proficiency of the company in combat. His excellence with this weapon was outstanding in the NORMANDY and HOLLAND Operations. Entered military service from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

EARL S. OLDFATHER, 35332432, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 26 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant OLDFATHER volunteered to carry a radio and an important message from the company commander to an encircled platoon and became the target of several enemy machine guns and snipers. Moving through this intense curtain of fire, he reached the stranded platoon and delivered his message. After receiving an estimate of the situation of the platoon, Staff Sergeant OLDFATHER returned across the fire-swept field with the information for the Battalion Commander. Entered military service from TOLEDO, OHIO.

JOSEPH L. PRICE, 35636973, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Corporal PRICE, Platoon Scout, encountered an enemy strongpoint which commanded all approaches to the village. With the aid of another man, Corporal PRICE, rushed the strongpoint under heavy automatic and sniper fire, killing five enemy and taking eight prisoners. When the company moved through the town, Corporal PRICE, and three men remained protecting the flank with one machine gun and one BAR. He repelled three small-scale enemy counterattacks until seriously wounded by an enemy artillery shell. Entered military service from FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY.

JAMES E. PRICHARD, JR., 38124232, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 1 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When his combat patrol encountered heavy enemy resistance, Staff Sergeant PRICHARD (then Private) moved to within a short distance from the attacking enemy, firing his BAR from the hip. When he had expended his ammunition, he secured another belt and continued his raking fire on the enemy, killing many and forcing the others to seek cover. His BAR was damaged by enemy fire but he moved closer to the enemy and threw hand grenades. When ordered to withdraw, Staff Sergeant PRICHARD lifted a wounded comrade to his shoulders and carried him safely to friendly lines. Entered military service from ELIDA, NEW MEXICO.

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OSCAR SMITH, 12034230, 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 SMITH, three times wounded, has participated in 282 days of actual combat. On one occasion, during the BELGIAN Campaign, he alone attacked a civilian home set up as a pillbox, entered it, and captured nine of the enemy. Entered military service from ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY.

DAVID H. SNIDERMAN, 0536089, Second Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 8 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. In the assault, when the enemy resistance became fierce, Second Lieutenant SNIDERMAN quickly dashed across several hundred yards of open terrain to telephone a warning to his Company Commander of the situation. He returned to his platoon, set his men up in a strong defensive position. Several times during the conflict, Second Lieutenant SNIDERMAN crawled to a position overlooking enemy concealed positions and knocked them out by sniping. Second Lieutenant SNIDERMAN's complete disregard for his own personal safety inspired the men who served under him to accomplish their mission despite a numerically superior force. His gallantry is a credit to himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

WILLIAM F. TIMSON, 11055841, Technical Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 28 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When two of his strongpoints were overrun in an enemy night attack, Technical Sergeant TIMSON, Platoon Sergeant, quickly organized his Headquarters personnel and formed a road-block. Under intense enemy fire, he ran back to his two supporting tanks and armed only with a sub-machine gun fearlessly led the tanks against the advancing enemy. Technical Sergeant TIMSON's quick thinking and aggressive leadership combined with a high order of courage frustrated a serious threat to his company's defensive line. Entered military service from RUTLAND, VERMONT.

EDWARD C. WYNNE, 11092571, Master Sergeant, Order of Battle Team No. 16, (attached Headquarters 82d Airborne Division). For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 5 April 1945 to 5 May 1945 in GERMANY. Master Sergeant WYNNE, as an intelligence order of battle specialist, displayed outstanding performance in his continuous analysis of the enemy's dispositions. Despite the confusion and normal obscurity of battle, Master Sergeant WYNNE consistently made accurate analyses of the forces facing the Division. His well founded estimates were a material contribution to the Commanding General's continuous study of the enemy situation, and as such they assisted in the successful direction of operations during the above periods. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

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I -- 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:

E. A. PALMER, 15330567, Staff Sergeant, 313th Group, Air Corps. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in HOLLAND from 17 September 1944 to 24 November 1944. Throughout operations in the HOLLAND Campaign, Staff Sergeant PALMER distinguished himself by participating as sole crew man in all flights of the Division Courier plane under hazardous conditions resulting from enemy action, inclement weather and serious navigational difficulties. Until the corridor from BELGIUM to NIJMEGEN was definitely cleared, this unarmed plane braved hostile interception and anti-aircraft fire on numerous flights to evacuate seriously wounded casualties and effect courier liaison with the Base Headquarters in FRANCE. It was due entirely to Staff Sergeant PALMER's unswerving devotion to duty and initiative and efficiency and his singlehanded maintenance and service of the plane that countless errands of mercy and necessity were accomplished. His conduct under pressure and perilous circumstances reflects credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from INDIANA.

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

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

ELMER S. CODY, 14070006, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 across the RHINE RIVER at ***, GERMANY. During a fierce fire fight in that town, Private First Class CODY's platoon leader was

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caught in the street by approximately ten Germans. The officer made a run for a nearby door only to find it locked. Private First Class CODY immediately left his position of cover, and fearlessly dashed out into the street with his BAR, killing several of the Germans and forcing the rest to flight. His gallant and heroic act saved the life of his platoon leader and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from GEORGETOWN, MISSISSIPPI.

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 individuals:

ELVIE W. BARTOW, 33574415, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private BARTOW, a member of a patrol that crossed the river into the town of ***, GERMANY, was seriously wounded but refused evacuation. When the patrol was ordered to return, he volunteered to cover their withdrawal until the last man had been loaded into the boats. One of the boats sank and a seriously wounded man was drowning. Private BARTOW, with one arm useless, immediately struck out for the wounded man and managed to get him to the bank and into another boat. His heroic and unselfish act was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and reflects great credit upon the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

OLEM W. B. CALHOUN, 39019820, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, HOLLAND, ARDENNES and RHINELAND Campaigns. Staff Sergeant CALHOUN, Company Supply Sergeant, performed his duties with exemplary courage and coolness under fire, and ingenuity under the worst possible conditions of terrain, weather and enemy resistance. During the assault crossing on the WAAL River near ***, HOLLAND, Staff Sergeant CALHOUN made three trips across the river to deliver badly needed supplies to the company fighting on the north bank. His work reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

HARRY CRAWFORD, JR., 15377172, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class CRAWFORD fearlessly led his patrol through numerous enemy outposts, killing many Germans and clearing the streets for the patrol. Alone he rushed two enemy machine gun positions, forcing them to flee. When the patrol was ordered to return, he voluntarily covered their withdrawal. His fearless and courageous acts of heroism during the

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V -- AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named enlisted men of 307th Airborne Medical Company, in recognition of their exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity, and having 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:

Tec 3	Charles V. Cruz	36004309
Sgt	Carl R. Swananger	35632998
Pfc	John J. Anselmo	36628778
Pfc	Gerald M. Bonsanto	36629179
Pfc	Thurman A. Pittman	38530762
Pfc	John G. Rhineland	39394193
Pfc	John R. Thompson	35136555

VI --- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NO. 92, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 92, this Headquarters, dated 18 June 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to DUANE A. DENNISON, 15337054, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry, and ROBERT B. WHITE, 15337117, Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to the above named individuals, the Bronze Star 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:

HERBERT W. BROWN, 39397376, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant BROWN, Squad Leader, volunteered to lead a three man patrol with the mission of flanking a 20mm gun position which had a platoon pinned down. The patrol advanced across open terrain and drew heavy enemy fire which killed one man and wounded another. Staff Sergeant BROWN, with great aggressiveness, continued forward and delivered such effective fire with his M1 that three of the enemy gun crew were killed and the remaining two came out under a white flag. Staff Sergeant BROWN's courageous conduct reflects great credit upon the Airborne Forces of the United States. Entered military service from TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES E. JONES, 14062720, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, For gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant JONES was leading his squad as right flank security when a 20mm gun suddenly opened fire from 300 yards, pinning down his squad and the right platoon of his company. Ignoring the heavy fire directed at him, Sergeant JONES continued to advance on the enemy position until he reached a vantage point. From this position, he killed three of the gun crew with his Thompson Sub-Machine Gun and the remaining two surrendered allowing his company to resume its forward movement. Sergeant JONES' initiative and courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

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TALTON W. LONG, O1289410, Lieutenant Colonel, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During the attack an enemy battalion threatened the First Battalion's left flank. Lieutenant Colonel LONG, then battalion commanding officer, recruited approximately sixty seven men from different parts of his organization and led them, together with two medium tanks, against the enemy. He acted with great dispatch and proficiency and although he was greatly outnumbered the enemy was completely annihilated; one hundred of them being killed and two hundred taken prisoner. Lieutenant Colonel LONG's conduct was in keeping with the very highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

WILLIAM J. ROTHWEILER, 37409023, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant ROTHWEILER, Acting Platoon Sergeant, finding that one of his outposts was cut off during a fierce enemy counterattack went forward alone under concentrated SP artillery and grazing machine gun fire to their aid. On route he neutralized an enemy machine gun crew, killing two Germans with a rifle grenade. After reaching his hard pressed men, he skillfully withdrew them to a position of safety. During this movement he personally killed three more Germans who were part of a patrol which attempted to block the withdrawal. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PALMYRA, MISSOURI.

VERNON D. SPRAGUE, 19065483, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When his company was advancing eastward with Corporal SPRAGUE's squad as the point, they were suddenly fired upon from 200 yards by rifleman and a 20mm gun. The lead platoon was pinned down, but Corporal SPRAGUE boldly advanced under fire to the house which sheltered the enemy. Reaching the side of the house, he threw a common grenade into each of the two upstairs windows, killing five of the enemy and causing the surrender of fifteen. Corporal SPRAGUE's action enabled his company to continue its forward movement and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from UCLAH, CALIFORNIA.

II — AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS:

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 Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individuals:

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JOSEPH J. SANDY, 33937646, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy rifle and 80mm gun fire, Private SANDY, Machine Gunner, on his own initiative carried a complete machine gun and ammunition to a position from which he brought effective fire on the main enemy positions. There was no cover or concealment available, but Private SANDY, with great aggressiveness, set up his gun and diverted most of the enemy fire to himself. He was fatally wounded. Private SANDY's courage enabled his platoon to maneuver successfully and reflects credit upon the high traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PUNXSUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA.

TERRANCE G. BEARDSLEY, 33419962, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class BEARDSLEY, Machine Gunner, volunteered for a three man patrol whose mission was to flank a 80mm gun that had an assault platoon pinned down. The small group advanced across open terrain and drew heavy enemy fire, but Private First Class BEARDSLEY continued forward, carrying the entire machine gun. Three hundred yards from the enemy position he received a serious body wound and fell to the ground but set up his gun and fired all of his ammunition, enabling the patrol to gain advantageous positions from which they destroyed the gun crew. Private First Class BEARDSLEY's cool courage and determination were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

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 200.3 (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:

WALTER F. WINTON, JR., 022966, Lieutenant Colonel, GSO, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in GERMANY for the period 22 April 1945 to 3 May 1945. Lieutenant Colonel WINTON, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, by his skillful development of the intelligence plans for operations of the Division in operations north of the ELBE River was primarily responsible for the acquisition of the data upon which the Commanding General based his decisions for bold and daring tactics. He coordinated and supervised aggressive reconnaissance into the German lines and secured information of varied and complex character. The interpretation of this data along with supporting identifications enabled him to predict the exact composition of the enemy order of battle opposing our front as well as a justifiably accurate closure of enemy dispositions. Based upon his intelligence estimate of the hostile force, a limited bridgehead was thrown across the river without delay and the dramatic assault on the

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21st German Army took that force by complete surprise and accomplished its final surrender in three days. The superlative nature of intelligence planning and the recommendations made by Lieutenant Colonel WINTON were brilliant contributions to the major success achieved by the Division and reflects credit upon the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORT COLLINS, COLORADO.

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:

ROBERT M. BRISTER, 34235743, Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 16 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Sergeant BRISTER volunteered to lead a five man reconnaissance patrol across the ROER River in flood stage which was flowing over nine miles per hour, to determine the practicability of using assault boats for a river crossing. Previous experience limited their use to a current of not more than five miles per hour. With the use of a swing rope the crossing was successfully made in the face of known enemy machine gun and self-propelled gun positions covering the river. The information gained by this patrol was of extreme importance to the regiment in anticipated crossing and reflected great credit on Sergeant BRISTER and the service. Entered military service from LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA.

HAROLD E. MILLER, 01293297, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 30 April and 1 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When his company encountered fierce resistance by three 20mm gun crews, Captain MILLER personally reconnoitered all possible avenues of approach for his company, exposing himself to enemy fire while doing so. He then called for eight inch artillery fire on the enemy positions when he was less than three hundred yards away. Later in the day, Captain MILLER led his company rapidly across more than one thousand yards of open terrain covered by a 20mm gun to aggressively enable an adjoining company to flank the 20mm gun position. Captain MILLER's proficiency and gallantry in battle reflect credit upon the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BEDFORD, IOWA.

CHARLES F. MURPHY, 0452339, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 7 June 1944 to 25 January 1945 in the NORMANDY and ARDENNES Campaigns. Captain MURPHY, Company Commander, was wounded in the face from shell fragments during an assault across the MERDERET River. Refusing evacuation, he continued stubbornly leading his company superbly through three major attacks until eventually he was wounded in the leg.

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His constant appearance with the leading rifle platoon, guiding and encouraging his men through formidable, enemy-infested hedgerows, inspired complete success in every attack. Returning after convalescence, Captain MURPHY again led his company in an inspiring fashion during attacks to eliminate the ARDENNES pocket. Throughout these campaigns, Captain MURPHY displayed the utmost devotion to duty, shrewd tactical judgment and a courage that was an inspiration to every man under his command. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MARCH:

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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:

JOHN J. GAUS, 20651314, Private First Class, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on 11 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. When an Allied plane was shot down across the RHINE River, Private First Class GAUS unhesitatingly and single-handedly manned a light kayak and crossed the river to assist the surviving crew members. Upon reaching the far shore he was subjected to heavy machine-gun fire, but immediately returned the fire with his TSMG and made his way into the town of ***. In the face of increasing resistance, and after receiving wounds in the head and arm, he was finally forced to turn back to the river bank. Enroute to the river bank, and while under fire from the enemy positions, Private First Class GAUS flushed an enemy soldier from his hiding place and forced the German to accompany him eight hundred yards along the shore until he found a boat. When about fifty yards off-shore the boat started to sink, and Private First Class GAUS, with his prisoner, returned once more to the hostile shore and found another boat in which he successfully accomplished the return trip. This courageous action was performed in full daylight, and typifies the gallant traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

LESTER G. REICHERT, 01997788, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. The platoon commanded by First Lieutenant REICHERT was attacked by a strong enemy force as it moved through a deep wooded valley. First Lieutenant REICHERT immediately deployed his platoon and led it forward under heavy machine-gun fire to engage the enemy. When further advance became impracticable, he advanced alone, located the enemy machine-gun, killed three of the crew

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with his rifle and routed the remaining members. First Lieutenant REICHERT's prompt, cool and courageous action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from FREEBURG, 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 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

MAX H. SHIREY, 34425485, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class SHIREY, a BAR Gunner, was moving with his platoon across a river when the Germans started a vicious counterattack. Without a moment's hesitation, Private First Class SHIREY manned his BAR, destroying enemy gunners manning heavy caliber machine guns until his platoon was secure. While returning to the platoon, Private First Class SHIREY was the object of heavy enemy automatic weapons fire. He halted and from a standing position returned fire, eliminating enemy members of a machine gun crew until this weapon was silenced. The conduct and gallantry of Private First Class SHIREY were in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI.

III -- 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:

ELVIN G. COLLINS, JR., 17074931, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 10 May 1945 at ***, GERMANY. When an ammunition and vehicle dump in the company area caught fire, Staff Sergeant COLLINS took a squad of men into the burning dump to fight the fire. Despite the danger to himself from exploding ammunition, anti-tank mines and burning gasoline, Staff Sergeant COLLINS worked in the dump area until the fire was brought under control. By his leadership and initiative in the face of danger, Staff Sergeant COLLINS was an example to his men and contributed materially to the saving of many valuable vehicles. Entered military service from KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

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JOSEPH F. DeSOUZA, 31426555, Private, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 10 May 1945 at ***; GERMANY. When a vehicle and ammunition dump in the company area caught fire, Private DeSOUZA went into the burning dump and located and put into operation a large truck. In spite of great danger to himself from exploding ammunition and anti-tank mines, Private DeSOUZA pulled many vehicles out of the dump area. Many of these vehicles were loaded with ammunition and gasoline. Disregarding his own safety he returned to the dump again and again pulling vehicles to safety. By his initiative and resourcefulness, Private DeSOUZA helped save many valuable vehicles from burning. Entered military service from SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS.

GEORGE R. WALDREN, JR., 34893558. Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 10 May 1945 at ***. GERMANY. When a large ammunition dump caught fire, Private First Class WALDREN was one of a group of men dispatched to halt the fire. Mounting a half track vehicle that was in the dump, Private First Class WALDREN took it into the blazing dump to pull other vehicles out of the range of the fire. Despite the danger to himself from exploding anti-tank mines and exploding small arms and artillery ammunition, Private First Class WALDREN returned many times into the dump to pull other vehicles to safety. By his resourcefulness and by his complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class WALDREN saved many valuable vehicles from destruction by fire. Entered military service from ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

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:

HERMAN L. ALLEY, 01137719, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 20 February 1944 to 9 May 1945. Captain ALLEY displayed outstanding ability in forming a complete new firing battery entirely from reinforcements, and in training it to a high degree of efficiency in less than two months for combat in NORMANDY. In the glider invasion of HOLLAND and throughout the ARDENNES and CENTRAL EUROPE campaigns, Captain ALLEY displayed a high degree of leadership, of personal courage under fire and devotion to duty which contributed largely to the combat success of his battalion. Entered military service from ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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ALBERT L. BLACKMAN, 32506454, Private First Class (then Private), 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 30 January 1945, about one and one-half miles from ***, GERMANY. Private First Class BLACKMAN, instrument operator of a forward observer party assumed the duties of forward observer when the officer in charge was seriously wounded. He took up position under the direct observation of an enemy self-propelled gun which was firing point blank from five hundred yards and causing heavy casualties and calmly, without regard for his own safety, adjusted the fire of his battalion until the gun was destroyed. The initiative and heroic conduct displayed by Private First Class BLACKMAN reflect credit upon himself and the Airborne Artillery. Entered military service from PLEASANTVILLE, NEW YORK.

GRANVILLE B. BYRNE, 0354356, Major (then Captain), Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 12 February 1944 to 9 May 1945. Major BYRNE, charged with the responsibility of developing administrative procedures for the expeditious reporting and procuring of battle casualties, rendered exceptional service to the Division in connection with this important phase of personnel administration. Throughout the NORMANDY, HOLLAND, and BELGIUM campaigns, the tireless efforts and devotion to duty displayed by Major BYRNE were in a large measure responsible for the proficient manner in which the many intricate administrative details incidental to Airborne Operations were expeditiously and successfully accomplished. Entered military service from BROOKVILLE KENTUCKY.

RALPH N. COLLIER, 35932434, Corporal (then Private), 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 30 January 1945, about one and one-half miles from ***, GERMANY. Corporal COLLIER, radio operator of a forward observer party helped set up an observation post under direct sight of an enemy self-propelled gun which had been causing heavy casualties and seriously wounded the officer in charge. In spite of communication difficulties, Corporal COLLIER persisted in the face of fire from the gun, to transmit necessary fire commands until the gun was destroyed. Corporal COLLIER'S courage and technical skill permitted the attack to go forward. Entered military service from ALEXANDRIA, INDIANA.

LEO D. CROUSE, 37498196, Private First Class (then Private) 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. During a determined counter-attack, accompanied by a furious artillery barrage, Private First Class CROUSE saw five of his comrades fall, seriously wounded. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the heavy small arms and artillery fire and carried the wounded men to safety. He again crawled into the enemy fire to recover a machine gun previously manned by one of the wounded and placed deadly

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fire upon the enemy, sticking to his voluntary post until ordered to cover. His judgment and courage were a major factor in the defeat of the enemy. Entered military service from ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY.

JOSEPH H. DAVIS, 35043979, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 3 January 1945 to 10 January 1945, about 10 miles from BELGIUM. Private First Class DAVIS, dozer operator, operated a D-7 angle dozer for seven consecutive days from twelve to sixteen hours daily, and was responsible for clearing the forward roads in the Division attack to the Salm River under artillery and small arms fire. Enemy mines hidden beneath the snow and road blocks were a constant threat. Taking all obstacles in his stride, Private First Class DAVIS broke open numerous supply trails through the forests and open fields, often under direct observation and enemy fire. Through his aggressiveness in the face of natural obstacles and enemy action, Private First Class DAVIS kept all essential supply roads and trails open. Entered military service from INDIANA.

JAMES EVANS, 0404230, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the SOUTHERN FRANCE and BELGIUM campaigns. Captain EVANS, company commander, on 16 August 1945, led his company in the attack of ***, FRANCE and captured the city, an Army Corps Commander and his staff. On the night of 29 December 1944, Captain EVANS' company led the battalion in a raid 3000 yards within the enemy line near ***, BELGIUM. His energy, daring, and resourcefulness materially assisted his battalion to obtain its objective and prisoners and information needed by higher headquarters. Captain EVANS' courage and ability to withstand all hardships earned him the respect of all the members of his command. His devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and upholds the highest tradition of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ARIZONA.

WILLIAM A. FRUTIG, 01947246, First Lieutenant, 8th Traffic Regulation Group. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in FRANCE during the period 17 December 1944 to 18 December 1944. As Regional Transportation Officer attached to the 82d Airborne Division, First Lieutenant FRUTIG acquired and scheduled the transportation for the tactical move of the Division from FRANCE to BELGIUM where the Division went into action to counter Von Runstedt's breakthrough in the ARDENNES. After receiving orders at 1900 on 17 December 1944 to move the Division with all possible speed, First Lieutenant FRUTIG worked throughout the night collecting and spotting vehicles from every possible source and in getting the Division on the road and moving by 0900 on 18 December 1944. This outstanding achievement reflects credit on First Lieutenant FRUTIG and the Airborne Forces on the United States Army. Entered military service from DETROIT, MICHIGAN

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RICHARD B. JOHNSON, 01309937, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 3 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. First Lieutenant JOHNSON has served as a platoon leader and company commander throughout three campaigns. Wounded seriously in one campaign, he was returned to the Regiment while it was engaged in another campaign. Although not completely recovered from his wounds and because of officer casualties in his former company, First Lieutenant JOHNSON volunteered and insisted that he be returned to his company. He took over the company and led it with superior skill and fearlessness in spite of his physical handicaps. First Lieutenant JOHNSON'S courage and leadership reflect great credit on the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS.

EMERY H. KOTT, 16124142, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy the night of 25 February 1944 near ***, ITALY. Staff Sergeant KOTT volunteered for an especially hazardous patrol. Coming to a heavily mined area, the first scout stepped on a mine and was thrown into the center of the field, severely wounding him. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant KOTT courageously crawled and felt his way among the hidden mines to his wounded comrade, gave him first aid and carried him boldly out of the area and back to a doctor's care. Staff Sergeant KOTT'S cool judgment and outstanding courage saved the man's life and is typical of the high standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BLUE ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM H. LOREN, 01168785, Captain, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 20 February 1944 to 9 May 1945. During the campaigns of NORMANDY, HOLLAND, ARDENNES and CENTRAL EUROPE, Captain LOREN commanded his battery with the utmost military skill and efficiency, and on numerous occasions personally relieved his forward observers at the observation posts as well as the battalion liaison officers with the infantry. His tireless efforts and energetic devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA.

GEORGE M. McCAWLEY, 0295219, Major, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 17 December 1944 to 18 February 1945. Within twelve hours after being notified to move from FRANCE to the ARDENNES sector, Major McCAWLEY, Regimental S-4, alerted his supply section and equipped his unit with all essentials. In the combat zone the supply problems assumed enormous proportions due to the frequent moves of the regiment over roads that were bad or almost nonexistent and the inclement weather prevailing at that season. By careful planning and constant supervision which required

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long hours of duty, Major McCAWLEY succeeded in keeping his unit well supplied throughout all phases of the operation. His outstanding performance of duty contributed much to the success of his regiment. Entered military service from HOUSTON, TEXAS.

DALE V. PROTTSMAN, 37664440, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 7 June 1944 to 25 January 1945 in NORMANDY, HOLLAND and the ARDENNES. Near ***, HOLLAND, Staff Sergeant PROTTSMAN successfully operated and maintained a roadblock several hundred yards in front of the MP against constant pressure of the enemy. All through the ARDENNES fighting, Staff Sergeant PROTTSMAN was constantly an inspiration to his men when leadership was of utmost importance. His outstanding leadership and untiring devotion to duty and to his men reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WINFIELD, IOWA.

LESLIE E. ROBINSON, 35425033, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 26 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. During a heavy counterattack, First Sergeant ROBINSON, Battalion Sergeant Major, collected a group of ten men and deployed them so that a gap which had been forced in our lines was closed. Without regard for his own personal safety, he remained at the scene of the breakthrough until the attack was beaten off with great loss to the enemy. First Sergeant ROBINSON then arranged a systematic search of the area and cleared it of all snipers. His prompt and courageous action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ST ALBANS, WEST VIRGINIA.

WILLIAM G. WEIKART, 01316255, First Lieutenant, 325th Glider Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 3 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. First Lieutenant WEIKART has served as platoon leader or company commander throughout three campaigns with superior calmness and ability under the most intense fighting conditions. On 2 February 1945 he coordinated and led an infantry-armor assault on ***, GERMANY in the SIEGFRIED LINE with outstanding fearlessness and success. The tanks and tank destroyers attached to his company were knocked out but First Lieutenant WEIKART secured additional armor, continued the attack and successfully seized and secured his portion of the Battalion objective. First Lieutenant WEIKART, by his ability as a combat leader and by his courage, has reflected credit on the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FT WAYNE, INDIANA.

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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 individual for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Capt Arnold S. Block 0500702 307th Abn Med Co 30 Apr 45
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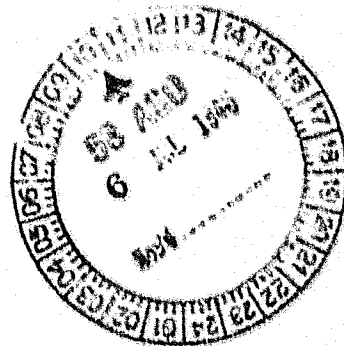
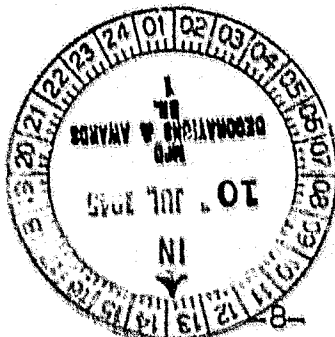
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I -- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL:

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:

FRANCIS J. BARDON, 55590261, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 21 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private BARDON, a lead scout, ran into heavy fire from three enemy machine guns, one flak wagon and numerous small arms weapons. Even though seriously wounded, Private BARDON refused to withdraw and returned the enemy's fire, holding them off until his platoon had maneuvered to an attacking position. Private BARDON personally accounted for five of the enemy killed and many more wounded, including one entire machine gun crew. Only when he had received a direct order from his platoon leader, did he consent to be evacuated. Private BARDON's courageous and gallant one-man stand against the overwhelming odds was instrumental in the success of the mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

JOHN R. JASAK, 33439798, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 27 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class JASAK was a member of a party taking needed supplies to a surrounded platoon outpost when an enemy machine gun opened fire on them forcing them to seek cover. Private First Class JASAK, single-handedly attacked the machine gun nest, armed only with a Gammon Grenade and a pistol, knocked out the enemy gun and killed two and wounded another member of the crew. His courageous and daring attack enabled the party to deliver the badly needed supplies without loss and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from MOKEESROCK, PENNSYLVANIA.

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RAYMOND E. LITTLE, 38112792, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 19 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. When the assault platoon was caught in the crossfire of two well displaced machine guns, Staff Sergeant LITTLE leaped to his feet and seizing a light machine gun from a wounded comrade rushed to a position exposed to their fire, silenced one and rendered fire of the other inaccurate. He moved to the right flank and fired on a group of approximately thirty enemy riflemen that were attempting to cut off the platoon and forced them to flee, killing and wounding several. Staff Sergeant LITTLE's daring, singlehanded attack repelled all the attacking enemy forces, saving the platoon from a very precarious position and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the American Parachute Forces. Entered military service from SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

JAMES E. McDONALD, 14012453, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. When a force of fifteen enemy infantry attempted to infiltrate his position, Staff Sergeant McDONALD exposed himself to heavy, point-blank enemy fire so that he could point out targets to his squad. Through his skillful direction, his men inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and forced them to withdraw. Later, accompanied by one other man, he stormed two buildings, forcing the German enemy to flee into the streets where they were cut down by his men. Staff Sergeant McDONALD's fearless and aggressive leadership contributed greatly to his company's overall success in a critical situation. Entered military service from SYLVESTER, GEORGIA.

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 individual:

JAMES R. BROOKS, 15077786, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on 11 July 1943 in SICILY. After the C-47 in which he was riding had been shot down over the SICILIAN Coast, Private First Class (then Private) BROOKS, whose right arm had been fractured by a fifty caliber bullet, unselfishly risked his life in an effort to save that of a mortally wounded officer. Under heavy fire from fifty caliber machine guns emplaced on the beach, Private First Class BROOKS dragged the dying officer from the plane and valiantly struggled against the current and surf until he reached the shore approximately 150 yards away. Only after being assured that the officer was being cared for did Private First Class BROOKS permit himself to be evacuated. Private First Class BROOKS' courageous effort was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

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III -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

STEVE S. BANISH, 35289801, Staff Sergeant, 80th Airborne Anti-aircraft Battalion. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 2 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During an enemy artillery barrage, a direct hit was scored on a British 17 pounder anti-tank gun and crew. Five British soldiers, riding in the prime mover were wounded and could not extricate themselves from the vehicle. A straw stack, near the vehicle, caught fire almost immediately. Staff Sergeant BANISH, despite the intense heat from the fire and the danger of exploding ammunition, dashed out to the vehicle, pulled all of the men to safety and carried one of the soldiers several hundred yards to a Battalion Aid Station. His courage and quick action reflect great credit upon the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from NEWTON FALLS, OHIO.

RAOUL R. MARTEL, 31039375, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 25 February 1945 at ***, FRANCE. At approximately 1500 hours, the regimental ammunition dump exploded, killing one French child and seriously injuring three more children. Private First Class MARTEL, unhesitatingly rushed forward, climbed over a fence, and advanced into an inferno of mortar shells, bazooka rounds, small arms and hand grenades which were burning fiercely and still exploding in all directions. Unmindful of the extreme danger of these exploding missiles, he picked up a seriously injured child and carried him to safety. Private First Class MARTEL's unselfish and heroic act at the risk of his own life reflects great credit upon himself and typifies the highest standards of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from WILLIAMSBURG, MASSACHUSETTS.

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:

ROBERT L. AMEND, 36795400, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 21 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class AMEND, Brozooka Man, voluntarily took over the position of BAR Gunner when his comrade was wounded and helped to drive off several vicious enemy counter-attacks with his accurate fire. When he ran out of ammunition for the BAR he

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stood by with his bazooka and drove off a concentrated attack by two mobile 80mm flak wagons knocking out one and forcing the enemy to withdraw. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from CINCINNATI, OHIO.

EDWARD F. BERRY, 37207951, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 7 November 1943 at ***, ITALY. During an extremely intense artillery barrage, Staff Sergeant BERRY exposed himself to flying shrapnel in order that he could unload the pack mules that were bearing the badly needed medical supplies. The work was in very poor light and hampered by flying shrapnel which killed one of the mules, but Staff Sergeant BERRY ignored the danger until he had moved the supplies to the Aid Station. Staff Sergeant BERRY's courageous and unselfish actions reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Medical Corps. Entered military service from WICHITA, KANSAS.

FRANK M. BIGGAM, 15336962, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 23 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant BIGGAM, of the Third Battalion S-2 Section, led a four man reconnaissance patrol one and one-half miles through enemy territory from the battalion front lines to a point overlooking *** from which they could observe all movement within the town. At five different points the patrol had to halt because of enemy movement, but Staff Sergeant BIGGAM pushed on over difficult terrain made even more hazardous by the heavy blanket of snow and the brilliant light of a full moon, and successfully overcame all difficulties to secure needed information. This soldier's calm display of courage and devotion to duty reflects much credit upon himself, his unit and his country. Entered military service from DAYTON, OHIO

CARL T. CANTRELL, 36392124, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 3 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Corporal CANTRELL's squad was assigned the mission of knocking out a pillbox. When the lead scouts drew fire, he quickly deployed his men to advantageous positions and followed the second scout to the rear of the pillbox. Corporal CANTRELL was wounded in this action but helped the scout to the top of the fortification from which he silenced it. During this time Corporal CANTRELL covered the rear approaches. His courage and devotion to duty played an important part in the removal of this obstacle to his company's advance. Entered military service from ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS.

V -- 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:

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GLENN L. BOLEN, 35750266, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 2 February 1945 in GERMANY. During the assault on the SIEGFRIED Line, Private First Class BOLEN was a member of the mine-sweeping detail attached to the assault company. He manned a mine-detector in an exposed position in front of the assaulting tanks and infantry in a superior manner until wounded in the hand by shrapnel. Entered military service from ST. MARYS, WEST VIRGINIA.

HENRY BROSKI, 32493262, Sergeant, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 7 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Though dazed by concussion, Sergeant BROSKI crossed approximately 600 yards of open terrain under fire to establish a better OP from which to direct artillery fire when the assault elements of the infantry were pinned down by direct enemy artillery and small arms fire. Through his devotion to duty and courage under fire it was possible for our artillery to neutralize the enemy assistance and permit the attack to continue to the objective. His conduct and courage throughout the entire time exemplified the best traditions of the service and reflects the highest credit upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from SHERRILL, NEW YORK.

WALTER J. CHMIEL, 32168300, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 13 December 1943 near ***, ITALY. Private First Class CHMIEL, BAR Man, deliberately opened fire on the enemy with his BAR from an exposed position in order to draw fire from two seriously wounded fellow soldiers. His action caused the enemy to divert fire from the two wounded men to his position and enabled the wounded to reach a place of safety. He continued firing until seriously wounded by a rifle grenade. His heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of the two wounded soldiers. Entered military service from SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY.

MAHLON S. CLARK, 32452492, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct in action on 27 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. During a mortar barrage one of the men of Private CLARK's company was hit by flying shrapnel and lay dying in an exposed position. Private CLARK, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left his foxhole and crawled approximately one hundred yards to the wounded man. Under the intense enemy fire, Private CLARK carried him to his foxhole and gave all aid possible. Then exposing himself once more to the fire, he carried the wounded man to the aid station. Private CLARK's action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY.

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JAMES B. CRUSENBERRY, 34179406, Corporal, 505th Parachute Infantry For heroic conduct in action on 5 January 1945 near ~~***~~, BELGIUM. Corporal CRUSENBERRY, Mortar Gunner, while pushing forward in the initial attack on the Salm River, saw that his platoon aid man had more patients than he could attend, so he rendered first aid to a comrade and gave him protection through an artillery barrage. Each time that a shell sounded as though it were coming close, with a noble disregard for his personal safety, he threw his own body over that of his comrade, protecting him from further wounds. Corporal CRUSENBERRY was wounded in this action. His gallant and valorous conduct reflects great honor upon himself, his organization and his country. Entered military service from ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA.

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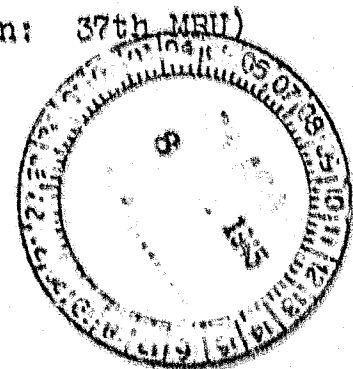
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I — AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

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

JONATHAN E. ADAMS, JR., 023933, Captain, 508th Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action at ***, HOLLAND from 17 to 19 September 1944. Captain ADAMS, company commander, voluntarily led a combat patrol whose mission was to destroy a building which was reported to be the control station controlling the demolitions intended for the destruction of the vital highway bridge across the WAAL RIVER. Captain ADAMS led his patrol through the enemy lines during the height of a fire fight, proceeded five hundred (500) yards into an enemy sector, attacked and captured the control station, killing twenty-five (25) Germans. Following this action, the group found itself surrounded. Displaying indomitable and icy and personal courage, Captain ADAMS refused to surrender and held off the enemy for two (2) days until a friendly force broke through to relieve him. Entered military service from BANGOR, MAINE.

II — AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

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

WALTER E. CLARK, 0179333, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, while participating in aerial flights from 28 September 1944 to 17 February 1945, during the HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMAN campaigns. First Lieutenant CLARK distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five (35) 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 missions, First Lieutenant CLARK was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

DARWIN P. GERARD, 01182338, Captain, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division Artillery. For skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five (35) 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 2 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. On all these missions, Captain GERARD was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA.

ELMER M. HATHAWAY, 01181291, First Lieutenant, 375th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For skillfully and successfully completing thirty five (35) 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 24 September 1944 to 8 April 1945. On all these occasions First Lieutenant HATHAWAY was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from NORTH FAIRFIELD, OHIO.

JOHN T. LALA, 01171239, Major, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery. For skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five (35) 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 3 July 1944 to 10 April 1945. On all these missions, Major LALA was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

III -- AWARD OF THE AIR 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 Air Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

DONALD L. FOSTER, 01172863, First Lieutenant, 453th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights from 13 September 1944 to 10 April 1945, during the HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY campaigns. First Lieutenant FOSTER distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five (35) 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 missions, First Lieutenant FOSTER was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

ROBERT W. ZOST, 01177262, Second Lieutenant, 373th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five (35) 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 29 December 1944 to 3 May 1945. On all these missions, Second Lieutenant ZOST was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from DAVENPORT, IOWA.

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

HERBERT H. KITCHEN, 00831969, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant) 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 7 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Technical Sergeant KITCHEN, platoon sergeant, led his company's attack across over one hundred yards of flat open terrain through an intense concentration of mortar fire and sporadic machine gun fire on an enemy of unknown strength. At the edge of town when the first scout fell wounded, he, with utter disregard for his own safety, rushed forward and dressed him to a comparative safe position. He then detected, and with a grenade eliminated, the sniper whose accurate fire was hindering the advance. His cool courage and gallantry are exemplary of the highest army traditions. Entered military service from SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA.

EDWIN J. KOZAK, 0481347, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the inclusive period 17 September 1944 to 7 May 1945 during the HOLLAND; ARDENNES and GERMANY campaigns. As Regimental Catholic Chaplain, Captain KOZAK proved to be a constant source of spiritual comfort to those with whom he came in contact in the exigencies of battle. Chaplain KOZAK endured the hardships and dangers of the frontline troops throughout a long tenure of combat duty under the most trying circumstances. In addition to the many obligations to the men of his unit, his work in Displaced Persons camps earned the undying gratitude of thousands of homeless and spiritually downtrodden people. Chaplain KOZAK'S personal example of great moral courage was ever an inspiration to the men of his organization. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

DELBERT A. KUEHL, 0479120, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 7 May 1945 during the HOLLAND, ARDENNES and GERMANY campaigns. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Chaplain KUEHL remained in the foremost positions of the battalions with whom he worked. On many occasions when the medical staff was depleted by casualties, Chaplain KUEHL ministered to the wounded in the aid station. His presence with the men in trying situations was a source of comfort and moral uplift which was instrumental in instilling the will to endure great hardships and dangers. Chaplain KUEHL'S devotion to duty and men of his organization reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MINNESOTA.

LOUIS R. MURPHY, 0445812, Major, 325th Glider Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 18 December 1944 to 6 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Major MURPHY, Regimental Surgeon, rendered service beyond the normal call of duty under weather conditions that caused many non-battle casualties and made evacuation difficult. Working long hours without rest or sleep, Major MURPHY insisted on giving his personal attention to all casualties that cleared through his aid station. He employed the limited number of ambulances and medical jeeps at his disposal where they were needed most and thereby kept casualties moving to rear areas as rapidly as possible. Major MURPHY'S devotion to duty and his personal and expert professional skill saved many lives and reflects credit upon himself and the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from DUNMORE, PENNSYLVANIA.

MICHAEL G. SABIA, 01104391, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 18 December 1944 to 18 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. When the platoon commander became a casualty during the critical days of the GERMAN counter-offensive, First Lieutenant SABIA assumed command of the sorely depleted platoon. Through his exceptional ability, unceasing energy and aggressive leadership, he was able to regroup his men and accomplish the mission of a full platoon. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

ARTHUR M. THOMPSON, 16109208, Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 29 December 1944 about one mile from ***, BELGIUM. Sergeant THOMPSON, squad leader, greatly aided in repulsing a surprise enemy attack while his squad was out of their emplacement preparing their evening meal, leaving one man at each gun position. At one automatic rifle position, the sole occupant was pinned down in his hole and unable to get his automatic rifle into action. Sergeant THOMPSON unhesitatingly dashed across the open field subjecting himself to heavy enemy mortar, small arms and automatic fire to the position and manned the weapon throughout the attack. This countless action enabled the repulse of the attack with severe enemy casualties. Entered military service from MALAKOFF, TEXAS.

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. BURGESS, 01016990, Second Lieutenant, 740th Tank Battalion, for meritorious achievement from 19 December 1944 to 3 February 1945 in the ARDENNES. As transportation officer, Second Lieutenant BURGESS made daily trips to the forward elements of the battalion, often in view of the enemy, to deliver ammunition, rations and fuel. All platoons were kept adequately and regularly supplied with every need despite severe winter conditions and the hazard of enemy fire. Second Lieutenant BURGESS' outstanding accomplishments during the ARDENNES campaign were a material contribution to the success of the battalion and an inspiring example to his men. Entered military service from LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.

ROLAND E. DESMARAIS, 31286210, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 1 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class DESMARAIS, BAR man, accompanied an eight man patrol to the heart of the town. They were suddenly fired upon by approximately a platoon of German infantry, including two machine guns and a 50 mm mortar. Private First Class DESMARAIS, advanced about twenty-five yards under demoralizing fire to a shell torn house from where he delivered effective fire on the enemy, knocking out one machine gun and killing approximately a dozen of the enemy. Private First Class DESMARAIS' cool and courageous action saved the patrol from annihilation and enabled it to return with valuable information. His courage and unselfish devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

WILLARD H. EDSTROM, 37284610, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 30 January 1945 about one mile south of ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class EDSTROM, rifleman, disregarding his personal safety, exposed himself to withering enemy small arms and machine gun fire to go to the aid of his seriously wounded squad leader, and carry him to safety over fifty yards of open snow covered terrain. His courageous action set an example of courage and devotion to duty that was an inspiration to his comrades and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

GROVER F. FIELDS, 20454289, Private First Class (then Private), 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action on 20 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. While maneuvering his boat across the WAAL RIVER in the first assault wave, Private First Class FIELDS was seriously wounded by shrapnel. Refusing assistance, he completed his mission of landing the assault infantry. He then jumped into the water to save another seriously wounded soldier. As Private First Class FIELDS was returning with the wounded, he was hit again but continued until he finally collapsed. The utter disregard for his own safety and the courageous conduct of Private First Class FIELDS reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

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 * HAROLD G. HERBERT, 36891934, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct on 1 May 1945 about 2 miles northeast of ***, Germany. Private First Class HERBERT, an engineer demolitionist, crossed the ELBE RIVER soon after the infantry assault with the mission of clearing roads. When several vehicles were destroyed by some unknown powerful German land mine, Private First Class HERBERT immediately investigated and aided in the discovery and marking of the mines. Realizing that time was all important, Private First Class HERBERT went to work uncovering the mines and, on his own initiative, endeavored to find the electro-magnetic principle involved in their disarming. Although seriously wounded by one of the mines, Private First Class HERBERT'S fine example encouraged his men to further efforts and the road was soon cleared and open to the

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rapid forward movement of the Division. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

MELVIN D. ISBEL, 15333603, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 20 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. When his squad was pinned down and he was wounded, Sergeant ISBEL remained in an exposed position and engaged a flak wagon with his sub-machine gun thereby enabling the remainder of the squad to destroy the vehicle. The squad leader became a casualty and Sergeant ISBEL reorganized the squad in time to beat off an enemy counter-thrust. Weak and exhausted from his wounds, he was ordered to report back to the aid station. His courage and devotion to duty reflect credit on the military service. Entered military service from FRANKLIN, OHIO.

ANTHONY KANTOWSKI, 36396094, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 27 September 1944 about two and one-half miles from ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class KANTOWSKI, grenadier, when the company was attacked by about 250 enemy infantrymen supported by three tanks, moved to an exposed position to get a better field of fire at a tank that was menacing the right flank. He fired three grenades at the tank; two of which damaged it sufficiently to cause its withdrawal. Without his heroic action, the company front would have been untenable. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

RICHARD G. LARIVIERE, 01293271, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic action on 23 January 1944 near ***, ITALY. During an attack along the north bank of the MUSSOLINI CANAL, First Lieutenant LARIVIERE and his platoon were forced to take cover from fierce enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. First Lieutenant LARIVIERE courageously and with complete disregard for his personal safety, jumped from the ditch and dashed across an open field, firing his rifle. Seeing First Lieutenant LARIVIERE'S daring charge, his men were inspired with his fighting spirit and joined in his charge. First Lieutenant LARIVIERE'S gallant leadership encouraged his men to take their objective. Entered military service from CHICOPEE FALLS, MASSACHUSETTS.

JOHN M. LAWLER, 16097339, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 17 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class LAWLER, BAR man, jumped with his unit in HOLLAND and was a BAR man in the point in the attack on an enemy held bridge. Three enemy trucks with about fifty troops were trying to reach the bridge along a road about four hundred yards from Private First Class LAWLER'S position. He knocked out the lead truck and killed and wounded an undetermined number of the troops forcing the rest of them to abandon their mission. After wading about five hundred yards in the canal and crossing an exposed field under sniper fire for two hundred yards, the point reached the company objective. At the bridge, Private First Class LAWLER killed a German Captain and wounded a Germany Lieutenant. His action under fire was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to his company. Entered military service from HIGHWOOD, ILLINOIS.

WALLACE O. LIEDING, 01595553, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant) 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Discovering that a bridge was blown and all possible fords across a stream mined in the path of our assaulting infantry and armor, First Lieutenant LIEDING swiftly gathered his men and improvised stream crossings. The construction was accomplished under heavy enemy fire. First Lieutenant LIEDING'S complete disregard for his own safety in continually exposing himself and his cool leadership under fire inspired his men to accomplish the task successfully. The action of First Lieutenant LIEDING reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

LEONARD LINTON, 3227297, Technician Fifth Grade, Military Government, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division. For meritorious achievement from 8 to 27 May 1945 at ***, GERMANY. During this period, Technician Fifth Grade LINTON served as an interpreter between this Headquarters and visiting RUSSIAN officers on official business. He was exceptionally tactful in his many contacts with high ranking Russian Officers and successfully completed arrangements for the return of several thousand German refugees through Russian lines to their homes in eastern Germany, in procuring services of local personnel from Russian occupied area and in preparing numerous documents for official purposes. The official and social contacts between Americans and Russians were handled in a manner to reflect the highest credit upon himself and the service. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY.

PAUL W. LIPP, 37039267, Technical Sergeant, 740th Tank Battalion. For meritorious service from 12 January 1945 to 3 February 1945 in BELGIUM and GERMANY. Technical Sergeant LIPP rendered invaluable service by effecting repairs to disabled tanks under fire and the worst winter weather conditions. On occasions, he made repairs in the forward zone under artillery fire. Acting as maintenance officer, he never failed to keep the tanks of his company supplied with ammunition fuel or rations during the period of sustained action. Technical Sergeant LIPP'S performance reflects great credit on himself and his organization. Entered military service from NEW HAMPTON, IOWA.

WILLIAM W. MAGRATH, 01283107, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 4 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant MAGRATH, Battalion S-2, voluntarily led a seven man patrol across the RHINE RIVER to set up an observation post on the enemy held side of the river and get information on the enemy dispositions of automatic weapons. First Lieutenant MAGRATH'S patrol was detected immediately upon landing but continued on with the mission. In the ensuing action, First Lieutenant MAGRATH personally killed three of the enemy and silenced one automatic weapon and located many other enemy positions. He then withdrew making as much noise as possible to cover the observation post left on the German side of the river. First Lieutenant MAGRATH'S correct and accurate observations were an important factor in the successful completion of a highly important mission which was carried out the following night. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY.

EDSON R. MATTICE, 0358222, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 7 July 1944 to 7 May 1945, during the HOLLAND, ARDENNES and GERMANY campaigns. Both in the capacity of Regimental Personnel Officer and Regimental Adjutant, Captain MATTICE rendered his organization invaluable service. His tireless energy, technical skill and administrative ability were responsible for the high state of efficiency with which the personnel section operated. His superb handling required tact and human understanding, his high conception of duty and moral fortitude reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from NOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

GEORGE H. MC PHERSON, 02053810, First Lieut. ant, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 17 September 1944 to 2 May 1945 in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Throughout this period, First Lieutenant MC PHERSON has applied superior skill and knowledge to the prompt disposition of matters pertaining to the administration of military justice. By his devotion to duty, he has made an invaluable contribution to the high standards of discipline maintained by this Division. Entered military service from BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

FRANCIS J. MYERS, 024073, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 3 January 1945 about one and one-half miles from ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant MYERS, Battalion S-3, then platoon leader, singlehandedly provided contact and security between

the main portion of 3rd Battalion and Company I, isolated on the right flank and engaged with scattered, panic stricken groups of enemy. First Lieutenant MIERS, voluntarily and alone, maintained for four hours contact which was vital to the security of the battalion. This heroic action by First Lieutenant MIERS, materially aided in stabilizing a very uncertain and dangerous situation. Entered military service from EBENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

WAYNE E. NEWMAN, 36624187, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 30 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class NEWMAN, rifleman, evacuated two wounded fellow members of a pinned down patrol whose mission was to set up a combat outpost in the town of ***, BELGIUM. After evacuating the men, he returned and laid down a covering fire for the remainder of the patrol to withdraw. Before returning to his own lines, he knocked out an enemy machine gun with a hand grenade. During this action, he was constantly exposed to enemy fire. Entered military service from THOMPSONVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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

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

JOHN K. BIGLER, 01100447, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 July 1943 to 12 November 1944. First Lieutenant BIGLER, platoon commander, took command of his platoon in SICILY and despite frequent violent attacks of malaria to which he refused to succumb, he led it aggressively through 150 days of ITALIAN mountain fighting and the beachhead at ANZIO with a determination and skill which produced a high degree of fighting spirit among his men. By his calmness in combat, his thoughtful planning for his men under the vicissitudes of weather and terrain, and by his complete disregard for his personal safety under fire, he earned the respect and admiration of the men and officers with whom he served. Entered military service from GILLETT, ARKANSAS.

WILLIAM R. PRESCOTT, 11098265, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct on 1 May 1945 about 2 miles northeast of ***, GERMANY. Private First Class PRESCOTT, an engineer demolition man, crossed the ELBE RIVER soon after the infantry assault with the mission of clearing roads. When several vehicles were destroyed by some unknown German land mine, Private First Class PRESCOTT immediately investigated and aided in the discovery and marking of the mines. Realizing that time was all-important, Private First Class PRESCOTT went to work uncovering the mines and, on his own initiative, endeavored to find the electro-magnetic principle involved in their disarming. Although killed by one of the mines, Private First Class PRESCOTT'S fine example encouraged his men to further efforts and the road was soon cleared and open to the rapid movement of the Division. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

ROBERT L. WILSON, 34531391, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry. For heroic conduct on 20 September 1944 about one and one-half miles from ***, HOLLAND. During the WAAL RIVER crossing, Private First Class WILSON was in the first boat of the assault company. Upon reaching the hostile beach, he advanced under the murderous fire to an exposed position to give the men following covering fire. He was wounded in the leg but continued to give covering fire until fatally wounded. His aggressiveness and outstanding courage inspired all who served with him to greater efforts and were in keeping with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

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VII — AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 61, 1944:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 61, this Headquarters, dated 30 November 1944, as awards the Silver Star Medal, Posthumous, to Corporal ROGER L. ATHON for gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 is amended to read, for gallantry in action on 20 September 1944.

VIII — AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8, 1945:

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 15 January 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumous, to Sergeant CURTIS J. SIDES, for heroic conduct on 22 September 1944 is amended to read, for heroic conduct on 20 September 1944, and as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumous, to Private First Class EDWARD T. SHEA for heroic conduct for the period 18 to 22 September 1944 is amended to read for heroic conduct for the period 18 to 19 September 1944.

IX — AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 85, 1945:

So much of Section V, General Orders Number 85, this Headquarters, dated 5 June 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to First Lieutenant PETER P. TRIOLO, O1290688, 12th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, a Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded to First Lieutenant TRIOLO.

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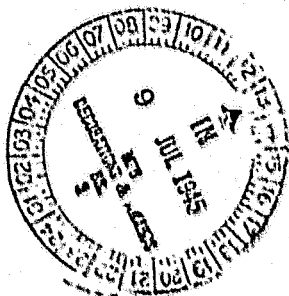
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I -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER, POSTHUMOUS:

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

MAX E. ALBERT, 13067710, Corporal, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic conduct on 1 May 1945 about two miles northeast of ***, GERMANY. Corporal ALBERT, an engineer assistant squad leader crossed the ELBE RIVER soon after the infantry assault with the mission of clearing roads. When several vehicles were destroyed by some unknown powerful German land mine, Corporal ALBERT immediately investigated and aided in the discovery and marking of the mines. Realizing that time was all-important, Corporal ALBERT went to work uncovering the mines and on his own initiative endeavored to find the electro-magnetic principle involved in their disarming. Although killed by one of the mines, Corporal ALBERT'S fine example encouraged his men to further efforts and the road was soon cleared and open to the rapid forward movement of the Division. Entered military service from TROUT RUN, PENNSYLVANIA.

DOLAND C. RODMAN, 39160992, Corporal, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroic action on 1 May 1945 about two miles northeast of ***, GERMANY. Corporal RODMAN, an engineer assistant squad leader crossed the ELBE RIVER soon after the infantry assault with the mission of clearing roads. When several vehicles were destroyed by some unknown powerful German land mines, Corporal RODMAN immediately investigated and aided in the discovery and marking of the mines. Realizing that time, at this moment of exploitation, was all-important, Corporal RODMAN went to work uncovering the mines and, on his own initiative, endeavored to find the electro-magnetic principle involved in their disarming. Although killed by one of the mines, Corporal RODMAN'S fine example encouraged his men to further efforts and the road was soon cleared and open to the rapid forward movement of the Division. Entered military service from CALIFORNIA.

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:

MERLE E. NORD, 39466221, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry. For heroic action on 2 February 1945, near ***, GERMANY. For a period of four hours during the height of an attack under severe mortar, artillery and small arms fire, Private First Class NORD crossed open fields, three times being pinned down by enemy small arms fire, to render first aid to the increasing number of casualties. Private First Class NORD advanced one hundred yards through no-man's land, subject to intense fire to personally bring a number of men, suffering from wounds, to shelter behind a pill box, improve and carrying facilities with any available material.

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The actions of Private First Class NORD throughout the engagement were an inspiration to all the men of the battalion and reflect the highest tradition of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

STEPHEN A. PALIWODA, 11017944, Corporal, 507th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 July 1943 to 4 February 1945. Corporal PALIWODA, assistant squad leader, served with his unit through four campaigns and 225 days of actual combat. His thorough technical knowledge combined with his vigorous and aggressive leadership, his coolness and courage under fire, enabled him to accomplish difficult engineer tasks under rigorous conditions of weather and terrain in a superior manner. His high spirits and energy contributed greatly to the high morale and fighting spirit of his unit. Although wounded four times, he never faltered in the execution of his duty. His outstanding services have been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

CHRISTIAN A. PFEFFER, 35137494, Technician Fourth Grade, 507th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct in action on 4 July 1944 in FRANCE. Technician Fourth Grade PFEFFER, medical aid man, voluntarily went to the aid of an injured infantryman under heavy small arms fire, giving the patient first aid, then brought the man to his own lines. On one occasion, when a wounded soldier, stunned by shock, moved blindly into an open area under fire, Technician Fourth Grade PFEFFER went through the mortar barrage, led the man to safety and rendered first aid. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the Medical Services of the United States Army. Entered military service from GEORGETOWN, OHIO.

ARLAS J. PIERCE, 38371538, Technician Fourth Grade, 740th Tank Battalion for heroic action on 31 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. When forced to abandon his tank, Technician Fourth Grade PIERCE moved through hostile fire to join the infantry in an assault action on the town. Although armed only with a pistol, he fought with great courage and was instrumental in effecting the capture of fifteen prisoners and the successful completion of the infantry mission. Entered military service from ODessa, TEXAS.

ARNE POULSEN, 19102242, Staff Sergeant, (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service from 1 January 1945 to 1 February 1945. Staff Sergeant POULSEN performed the duties of Operations Sergeant in a trying period under three different S-3 officers. In the attack to the SALM RIVER, when the S-3 was evacuated, Staff Sergeant POULSEN took over his duties. While advancing six thousand yards to seize the high ground just short of the SEIGFRIED LINE defenses, he moved with the leading elements and performed the duties of the S-3 while preparing the attack, during its execution and the night following. Staff Sergeant POULSEN'S mental and physical performance adequately aided the battalion commander in coordinating the attack. His outstanding example of devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PORTLAND, OREGON.

ALFRED H. RANGER, JR., 13174697, Private First Class (then Private), 507th Airborne Engineer Battalion. For meritorious service on 24 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class RANGER, demolitions man, with one assistant was given the mission of demolishing a bridge after our troops had withdrawn across it. Although the area was under intense artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class RANGER took charge and prepared all demolition charges on the bridge. After the charges were placed, Private First Class RANGER waited until the enemy was within six hundred yards of the bridge to be sure that all of our troops had withdrawn and then demolished it. Private First Class RANGER'S devotion to duty and his initiative as an engineer soldier reflect much credit on the Airborne Forces of the United States. Entered military service from NEW JERSEY.

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DUANE E. RAPH, 17085384, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 20 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. After his company had sustained heavy losses in overcoming an enemy roadblock and was vulnerable to an enemy counterattack Technical Sergeant RAPH, upon his own initiative, organized the remaining elements of the company into a defensive line and saw to it personally that every man had ammunition and was well dug in. Several counterattacks were later repelled. Technical Sergeant RAPH'S initiative and fearless action were responsible for the successful defense of this bitterly contested ground and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from PILLESTONE, MINNESOTA.

THURMAN V. REINERTSON, 39616450, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class REINERTSON, company aid man, when enemy shells began landing in the unit bivouac area, there were many casualties but Private First Class REINERTSON, with utter disregard for his own life, moved from foxhole to foxhole caring for wounded personnel. Private First Class REINERTSON'S calm and efficient handling of the wounded saved many lives. On other occasions, Private First Class REINERTSON volunteered for dangerous missions with other platoons when their aid men were absent. His devotion to duty recognized no perils to his own life and was always in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from NORTH DAKOTA.

BRUNO J. ROLAK, 01292763, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 17 October 1944 at ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant ROLAK, leading a combat patrol into a strongly defended town, ran into intense fire from automatic weapons and hand grenades. With disregard for his own safety, he dashed boldly forward through interlocking machine gun fire and hurled a grenade, destroying one enemy machine gun. He then engaged another machine gun with his sub-machine gun successfully silencing this position. Returning to his group, he led the remaining men into the town and in vicious close quarter fighting, routed a numerically superior enemy force. His daring and initiative were a source of inspiration to his unit and undoubtedly saved the lives of a number of men. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

EDWARD R. RYAN, 32492805, Technician Fourth Grade, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic conduct near ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fourth Grade RYAN while serving with command liaison and, although dazed by concussion, continued to operate the radio which enabled the liaison officer to coordinate and direct fire on enemy strong points and gun emplacements. When the leading elements of the attack were pinned down by direct fire, he carried the radio across approximately six hundred yards of open terrain to bring communications to a place from which the liaison officer could better observe and direct friendly artillery fire on enemy positions which were holding up the advance of the infantry. His devotion to duty, courage and conduct under fire exemplifies the best traditions of the service and reflects the highest credit upon the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK.

WILLIAM D. SEARRIN, 15330389, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 17 September 1944 about five miles from ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class SEARRIN, assistant machine-gunner, and his entire squad were engaged in a fire fight with the enemy. The first gunner was killed and every man in the squad wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he carried both gun and ammunition under withering fire, set up his gun and killed an entire enemy machine gun squad. Private First Class SEARRIN'S courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon

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himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.

EDWARD F. SHAFER, JR., 026347, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 2 February 1945 about one mile from ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant SHAFER'S platoon having been halted by an enemy pillbox, he took two men and dashed boldly forward, killing two and capturing four of the enemy. Suddenly a second pillbox opened direct fire on the group. First Lieutenant SHAFER charged this second position in the face of two machine guns and forced the crew of one officer and seven men to surrender. His personal bravery, inspiring determination and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from EL PASO, TEXAS.

SEYMOUR SIEGEL, 36319429, Private, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct in action on 3 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. Private SIEGEL voluntarily went to the aid of a wounded infantryman in a minefield swept by enemy fire. Picking his way through the uncharted minefield, he administered first aid and helped the wounded man to cover. Private SIEGEL'S utter disregard for his own safety and spontaneous reaction to an emergency reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from ILLINOIS

MONT L. SMITH, 33059399, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class SMITH exhibited unusual bravery and tenacity of purpose when he evacuated wounded from an area exposed to devastating enemy fire. Private First Class SMITH accompanied the ammunition supply party to the area under heavy fire and helped load the wounded in the vehicle. Artillery, sniper and automatic weapons fire killed one and wounded four of the party. Private First Class SMITH, with disregard for his own personal safety brought them safely to the aid station and returned for more of his fallen comrades whom he safely evacuated. Private First Class SMITH'S unhesitating risk of his own life in such a worthy cause reflects great honor on himself and his organization. Entered military service from TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

ALFRED L. STONE, JR., 33518380, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 2 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class STONE, rifleman, at great risk to his own safety, left his foxhole of comparative safety and went to the aid of a wounded fellow soldier some one hundred and fifty yards away. Although a terrific barrage of artillery and mortar fire was coming into the area, he carried the wounded man back to his own foxhole and administered first aid; stopping the flow of blood from a severe head wound. His heroic action undoubtedly saved the wounded soldier's life. Entered military service from GLEN ALLEN, VIRGINIA.

PAUL SVEC, 7070680, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious achievement on 14 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. When his companion was wounded and his outpost was attacked by a strong force of enemy infantry supported by two machine guns, Private First Class SVEC, a rifleman, left his position and in the face of overwhelming odds and heavy enemy fire, charged the attacking enemy, throwing three gas and ten hand grenades. One enemy was killed, numerous others were wounded and the remainder of the attacking force withdrew. Private First Class SVEC remained at his vital outpost until an investigating patrol reached him with relief. Private First Class SVEC'S courage and great devotion to duty prevented the enemy from penetrating his company's defense line and undoubtedly saved the life of a comrade, reflecting great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY.

CLARANCE G. SWINNEY, 18096072, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 4 February 1945 about two and one-half miles from ***, GERMANY. Private First Class SWINNEY, rifleman, left his place of concealment, moved forward to an exposed position and fired accurately and continually into the aperture of an enemy pillbox from which machine gun fire had pinned down his entire company. His rapid and effective fire stopped the machine gun and allowed platoons of the company to flank and capture the fortification. Entered military service from PAULS VALLEY, OKLAHOMA.

MAXWELL, S. TORGERSEN, 01177213, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 3 July 1944 near ***, FRANCE. When his battalion communication system was disrupted immediately prior to an attack, Captain TORGERSEN organized a relay group from his telephone and radio operators and in addition to carrying on his duties as battery executive, directed the handling of all communications between the artillery liaison officer and the battalion fire direction center. Due to his initiative and quick thinking, the battalion successfully accomplished its mission. Such conduct exemplifies the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CLARKSTON, WASHINGTON.

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*WILLIAM M. TRIPP, 14082107, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 3 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. Private First Class TRIPP exhibited unusual bravery and tenacity of purpose when he evacuated wounded from an area exposed to devastating enemy fire. Private First Class TRIPP accompanied the ammunition supply party to the area under heavy fire and helped load the wounded in the vehicle. Artillery, sniper and automatic weapons fire killed one and wounded four of the party. Private First Class TRIPP with disregard for his own personal safety brought them safely to the aid station and returned for more of his fallen comrades whom he safely evacuated. Private First Class TRIPP'S unhesitating risk of his own life in such a worthy cause reflects great honor on himself and his organization. Entered military service from ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

MERLIN E. VANDERKINTER, 36306420, Private, 580th Airborne Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near ***, GERMANY on 30 April 1945. Under artillery fire, a truck and boxes of ammunition caught fire. Private VANDERKINTER put out the flames and helped load the wounded men into an ambulance although he was wounded in the upper arm by a shell fragment. His prompt action saved a considerable quantity of 40 mm ammunition, grenades and rockets, the truck it was on, as well as personnel and other trucks in the area. His courageous conduct reflected the highest credit on himself and the service. Entered military service from MANITOWOC, WISCONSIN.

ITHEL T. WISHAM, 34688422, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 7 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class WISHAM assumed command of a leaderless group of about twelve men delayed by a mine field and pinned down by thick fire from nearby machine guns. Responding to his command, following his example, the men, now effectively organized, silenced the guns, then successfully negotiated the minefield to rejoin their platoon to contribute materially to the accomplishment of its mission. Private First Class WISHAM'S aggressive and inspiring leadership exemplify the best traditions of the Airborne troops of the United States Army. Entered military service from PENNSYLVANIA.

III -- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 8, 1945:

So much of Section III, General Orders Number 8, this Headquarters, dated 15 January 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal, posthumous, to Private JOE SERING, for heroic conduct on 4 October 1944,

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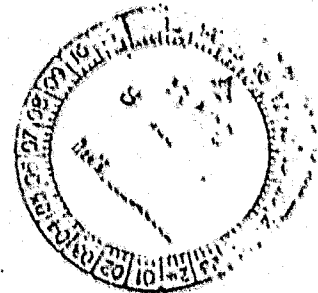
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So much of General Orders 99, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, dated 30 June 1945, pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Merlin E. Vanderkinter, 36 806 420, which reads, "Merlin E. Vanderkinter, 36 306 420," is amended to read "Merlin E. Vanderkinter, 36 806 420."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A. H. Newman
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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:

WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, O317653, Major (then Captain), 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion. Major JOHNSON, an engineer company commander, was among the first to land by parachute in SICILY. Although his men were widely scattered on the drop, Captain JOHNSON skillfully organized a composite group and set up defensive positions. The following morning Captain JOHNSON'S small detachment of less than fifty men ambushed and knocked out a German anti-parachute patrol car and disorganized a battalion of Italian infantry moving towards the front. Continuing forward, Captain JOHNSON was always in the lead, urging the men forward and inspiring them by his own courage. Captain JOHNSON'S outstanding conduct and exceptional bravery under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLORADO.

HENRY KILBURN, O1304233, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant KILBURN, platoon leader, was leading his platoon against an enemy 20 mm gun position when one of his men was hit by a fragment, seriously wounding him. An aid man came forward to take care of the wounded man. First Lieutenant KILBURN, seeing the medic was being fired upon, rose and drew fire upon himself by firing his rifle rapidly at the enemy position. His gallantry in putting his men's lives above his own is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from RICHMOND, KENTUCKY.

ROMAN T. PIERNICK, O333278, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant PIERNICK, Battalion S-2, came upon a large farmhouse from which he and two members of his section drew fire. Stepping into plain view, First Lieutenant PIERNICK called for the surrender of the occupants and fired his sub-machine gun into the upper part of the house. About forty (40) men, including officers, were taken. By his aggressive action, First Lieutenant PIERNICK took an enemy strong point without loss of life and enabled the battalion to clear the river shore, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

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II — AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL, POTHUMOUS:

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:

MORRIS P. GUERRANT, 0511700, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant GUERRANT, platoon leader, advanced ahead of his platoon's scouts, over open terrain, armed with only a pistol and a hand grenade. Unexpected enemy fire from a well prepared strong point severed his platoon and scattered its forward elements. First Lieutenant GUERRANT continued to advance alone toward the forward enemy outpost positions, killing two of the enemy and forcing the rest to withdraw. First Lieutenant GUERRANT then deployed his platoon and advanced alone around the enemy flank, over open ground and through the direct fire and observation of the enemy. First Lieutenant GUERRANT was mortally wounded in this position but continued to fire upon the enemy until death. His extreme devotion to duty reflects great credit on the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.

WILLIAM J. MC LEAN, 31492239, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private MC LEAN, a member of a reserve platoon, when two assault platoons were pinned down, volunteered to go with a small patrol to outflank the enemy group. There was no cover or concealment available for the patrol to use and they were soon detected and fired upon by the enemy. Private MC LEAN, disregarding the enemy fire, continued forward, firing as he went until fatally wounded. Private MC LEAN'S conspicuous gallantry was in accordance with the highest standards of the American Airborne Soldier. Entered military service from MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS.

III — 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:

LUDWIG J. CIBELLI, 0189168, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. While waiting, under fire, for the assault crossing of the ELBE RIVER, a soldier accidentally set off a smoke grenade in his pocket. Disregarding his own safety, Captain CIBELLI directed first aid and the extinguishing of the soldier's burning clothing, while he performed a life saving emergency operation. A German Grenade in the soldier's pocket suddenly exploded, killing the patient and wounding Captain CIBELLI. He refused evacuation and continued to expose himself to treat the wounded from the continued artillery fire. Later, he made the crossing and set up his aid station. He remained calm and clear headed and, although in severe pain, treated and evacuated all the wounded. Captain CIBELLI'S gallant action is a credit to the Medical Department, his unit and the United States Armed Forces. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

CARL J. MAYES, 15112703, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. While waiting for the assault crossing of the ELBE RIVER, a soldier accidentally set off a smoke grenade in his jacket pocket as he sought cover from enemy shell

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fire. Staff Sergeant MAYES, disregarding his own safety, rushed to the scene of the explosion and immediately began to extinguish and remove the burning clothing which contained a Gammon grenade. The Gammon grenade, however, suddenly exploded, killing the soldier and seriously wounding Staff Sergeant MAYES. Staff Sergeant MAYES' bravery was a credit to himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PO'WELLTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

GEORGE M. PATRICK, 02011908, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. While waiting for the assault crossing of the ELBE RIVER, a soldier accidentally set off a smoke grenade in his jacket pocket as he sought cover from enemy shell fire. Second Lieutenant PATRICK, disregarding his own personal safety, rushed to the scene of the explosion and immediately began to render first aid, while others attempted to extinguish and remove the burning clothing, which contained a Gammon grenade. The Gammon grenade suddenly exploded, killed the soldier and seriously wounded Second Lieutenant PATRICK. Second Lieutenant PATRICK was a credit to himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

IV -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S 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 Soldier's Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

RUSSELL A. HANSON, 57596298, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. While seeking cover from artillery fire in a fox hole, a soldier set off a smoke grenade in his pocket. Private First Class HANSON rushed to the scene and immediately began removing and extinguishing the burning clothing, remaining cool and efficient despite the smoke, flames and enemy artillery fire. Through Private First Class HANSON'S help, the soldier would have lived had not a Gammon grenade in his soldier's trousers' pocket exploded, killing both the soldier and Private First Class HANSON. Private First Class HANSON'S gallant action was clearly beyond the call of duty and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TWIN VALLEY, MINNESOTA.

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

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

GEORGE W. ROBERTS, 02045321, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for thirty-five (35) sorties from 14 October 1944 to 11 April 1945 during the GERMANY and HOLLAND campaigns. First Lieutenant ROBERTS distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five (35) sorties as an artillery liaison pilot in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, First Lieutenant ROBERTS was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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VI -- 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:

WALTER C. VIOL, 01181791, First Lieutenant, 456th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for thirty-five (35) sorties from 13 October 1944 to 10 April 1945 during the HOLLAND and GERMANY campaigns. First Lieutenant VIOL distinguished himself by skillfully and successfully completing thirty-five (35) sorties as an artillery observation pilot in the adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations, and in front line reconnaissance during the period of combat. On all these missions, First Lieutenant VIOL was exposed to enemy anti-aircraft fire as well as occasional attacks from enemy fighter planes. Entered military service from SOUTH ORANGE, NEW JERSEY.

VII -- 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 is awarded to the following named individual:

WILBUR L. DAVIS, 0372355, Captain, 307th Airborne Medical Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in BELGIUM during the period 19 December 1944 to 1 February 1945. In charge of the shock section, Captain DAVIS worked tirelessly, continuously, and almost without relief to render adequate medical care to patients suffering from deep shock. In spite of the extreme cold and very heavy casualties, he organized and directed the operations of the section so skillfully that every shock patient received prompt and complete treatment. As a direct result of Captain DAVIS' professional skill and unselfish devotion to duty, many lives were saved. Entered military service from MISSOURI.

EUGENE C. JONES, 20824300, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Staff Sergeant JONES with his squad had the mission of spearheading his company in its advance following the crossing of the ELBE RIVER. His scouts were fired upon by enemy riflemen and his entire squad pinned down. Staff Sergeant JONES left his covered position and, exposed to intense rifle fire, moved to a position where he could see the enemy. Staff Sergeant JONES soon had all the enemy fire directed at him but he continued to fire at the Germans and succeeded in killing three which caused the remaining seven to surrender. Entered military service from BARBERSVILLE, KENTUCKY.

JACQUES J. SAUNDER, 01987942, Second Lieutenant, 105th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 2 May 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Second Lieutenant SAUNDER voluntarily entered the huge German Marine ammunition plant to prevent the prepared demolition charges there from being set off. The plant was held by an enemy force who threatened to destroy the entire depot, which consisted of 250 large size ammunition bunkers, some of them containing gas shells. Second Lieutenant SAUNDER, realizing the danger to the friendly troops quartered in the area, fearlessly led his men into the dump and captured thirty prisoners. The courage and gallant conduct displayed by Second Lieutenant SAUNDER undoubtedly saved the lives of many men in his unit and reflects great credit on the highest traditions of the Airborne Force. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY.

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WILLIAM A. SMITH, 36413525, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 4 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH, medical aid man, though seriously and painfully wounded, would not allow himself to be treated or evacuated until other wounded soldiers received treatment. He limped and crawled to other wounded in the area and administered first aid with utter disregard for his personal safety or his wounds. These acts of bravery and valor, in the face of enemy fire, reflect credit on the high traditions of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. Entered military service from SIOUX ST MARIE, MICHIGAN.

VIII — 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:

JOHN C. ATKINS, 12133764, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on the morning of 6 October 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. In an attack, Private First Class ATKINS took command of his leaderless squad and successfully won their objective. When a heavy enemy barrage forced them to displace, Private First Class ATKINS, with unfaltering courage, led them, one by one, across an enemy mine field swept by machine gun and mortar fire to prepared positions. Disregarding his own safety, he carried two wounded men to safety. Reorganizing the remainder of his squad, he deployed them in positions and directed their fire in such an effective manner as to be instrumental in repelling the enemy's counterattack. Entered military service from SPRING HILLS, LOUISIANA.

JOHN T. BERRY, 025284, Major, 504th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the inclusive period 23 December 1944 to 12 May 1945 during the ARDENNES, RHINELAND and CENTRAL EUROPE campaigns. After having suddenly become Commanding Officer of the First Battalion by the evacuation of its former commander, with his officer ranks badly thinned, and with his battalion at 50% of effective strength due to heavy casualties; Major BERRY maintained a high "esprit de corps" and the will to fight which enabled his numerically inferior force to accomplish many difficult missions in the early critical days of the ARDENNES campaign with unimpaired combat efficiency. The First Battalion played a vital role in the breaching of the SIEGFRIED LINE and in the daring feint assault crossing of the RHINE RIVER. Major BERRY'S leadership reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ARKADDELPHIA, ARKANSAS.

THEODORE L. BOJARSKI, 52382067, Staff Sergeant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Staff Sergeant BOJARSKI, medical supply sergeant, displayed heroism and ingenuity when, on his own initiative, he used captured transportation to remove the injured from crashed gliders in the drop zone, despite a hail of enemy small arms and mortar fire. Staff Sergeant BOJARSKI also aided in clearing an aid station of patients exposed to enemy artillery fire by taking them to the Regimental Aid Station where further care could be given. Staff Sergeant BOJARSKI'S courageous conduct reflects much credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States. Entered military service from BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

GUY CAMPBELL, 19160099, Corporal (then Private), 505th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service from 9 July 1943 to 9 May 1945 in the Mediterranean and European Theater of Operations. Corporal CAMPBELL, medical technician, allowed nothing to interfere with his

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prompt and efficient treatment of the wounded regardless of danger of adverse conditions. As an aid station technician, Corporal CAMPBELL assisted in the evacuation of wounded under enemy fire and observation. On four separate occasions, Corporal CAMPBELL went forward of the advance lines to render first aid and evacuate wounded under enemy observation and direct fire. His conduct has always been in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

ALLEN C. CHRISTIE, 01016395, First Lieutenant, 740th Tank Battalion, for heroic action on 3 January 1945 at ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant CHRISTIE, tank platoon commander, was called upon for tank support to knock out enemy gun emplacements. He personally moved his tanks into position and directed a ten minute barrage on the town. He then swept into the town itself, inflicting further casualties on the enemy with heavy volumes of machine gun fire. This courageous maneuver aided in disorganizing the enemy, relieved the pressure on the attacking infantry and helped to turn a critical situation into a successful attack. First Lieutenant CHRISTIE'S exemplary conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army.

EDWARD R. DINOSKI, 20301342, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action on 6 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade DINOSKI, voluntarily proceeded through an area under heavy artillery fire and gave the wounded medical assistance and evacuated them to an aid station. During this time he was severely wounded when the medical jeep in which he was evacuating the casualties was hit. Throughout this action, Technician Fifth Grade DINOSKI displayed a steadfast devotion to duty and unflinching courage which reflected the highest credit upon himself. Entered military service from SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

JOHN H. DOUGHERTY, 33149816, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 18 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Technician Fifth Grade DOUGHERTY, medical technician, displayed heroism and ingenuity when, on his own initiative, he used captured transportation to remove the injured from crashed gliders in the drop zone despite a hail of enemy small arms and mortar fire. Technician Fifth Grade DOUGHERTY also aided in clearing of an aid station of many patients exposed to enemy artillery fire, by taking them to the Regimental Aid Station where further care could be given. Technician Fifth Grade DOUGHERTY'S courageous conduct reflects much credit on himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRY H. GAJEWSKI, 36626457, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private) 505th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service from May 1943 to April 1945 in the Mediterranean and European theater of Operations. Technician Fifth Grade GAJEWSKI, medical aid man, has made four combat parachute jumps and attended the wounded in every phase of military operation against the enemy. He has repeatedly administered first aid under enemy fire of all types and the most adverse conditions. By his coolness under fire, untiring efforts and ability as an aid man, Technician Fifth Grade GAJEWSKI rendered exemplary medical service and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. He was twice wounded in the performance of his duty. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

HENRY R. GIRAUD, JR., 31353999, Staff Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 30 January 1945 near ***, BELGIUM. One of only four men to complete an attack begun with company strength across seven hundred yards of open country covered with a foot of snow and under direct fire from enemy artillery, Staff Sergeant GIRAUD obtained the surrender of sixty-five Germans, including six officers, by alertly assuming the initiative during their temporary state of

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demoralization and disorganization. The initiative, courage and gallantry displayed by Staff Sergeant GIRARD were exemplary of the highest traditions of our Airborne Army. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

JOHN F. GUMIELA, 33130447, Sergeant (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy near ***, ITALY on 17 February 1944. Sergeant GUMIELA and one of his comrades manned a listening post to protect a vital bridge. Without warning, the area was placed under a furious artillery barrage and the enemy began a fierce counterattack against the left flank of his platoon. Disregarding all danger to his person, he exposed himself to heavy small arms and artillery fire and set up a machine gun topping a slight embankment, and placed deadly fire upon the attacking foe. Enemy artillery fire failed to dislodge him and his accurate work with the machine gun drove the enemy back to cover, leaving numerous casualties. Sergeant GUMIELA'S initiative and courage were instrumental in repulsing the attack and saving of the important bridge. Entered military service from MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

ALFRED W. HASWELL, 18074639, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 11 July 1943 to 12 November 1944, during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN and HOLLAND campaigns. At the ANZIO beachhead, serving as a grenadier, during a large scale enemy counterattack, he launched all his grenades from a fully exposed position in a window with utter disregard of his personal safety. This fire power was instrumental in stopping the enemy attack in his sector. During the last three weeks of the campaign, he served as a company lineman. Each night he repaired blown out lines of communication which necessitated his traveling through grazing enemy machine gun fire and active rifle fire with practically no protection over the entire route. His exemplary conduct over a long tour of combat duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

ROBERT M. HILGENBERG, 16097554, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 17 September 1943, near ***, ITALY. Technician Fifth Grade HILGENBERG, a wireman, although painfully injured on the initial parachute drop, refused to be evacuated. During the assault on Hill 424 under direct enemy observation and pin-pointed artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade HILGENBERG, working with utter disregard of his personal safety under a barrage lasting for ten hours, was highly instrumental in the maintenance of vital communication lines to the assaulting elements. Technician Fifth Grade HILGENBERG'S unselfish devotion to duty and high order of courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ARIZONA.

LORIN R. JOHNSON, 39086932, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action in ITALY on 15 December 1943. Staff Sergeant JOHNSON, voluntarily under the cover of darkness, infiltrated to within fifty yards of enemy positions and set up a heavy machine gun. Withstanding mortar and occasional sniper fire, he kept the enemy pinned down for seven hours while vital supplies were brought in to his unit. Only after the men were safely through and he quit his position and return to his company. Staff Sergeant JOHNSON'S deliberate and courageous action enabled his unit to continue the fight and drive the enemy from the hill. Entered military service from LAS MOLINAS, CALIFORNIA.

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to:

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authority contained in letter 200.6 (AG) Headquarters XVIII Corps Airborne, dated 31 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded Missing in Action to the following named individual:

WILLIAM R. CARPENTER, O450255, Major, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 12 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Major CARPENTER, Commanding Officer Second Battalion, risked his life in an effort to rescue a missing officer. A two man patrol crossed the RHINE RIVER into enemy territory to recover the body of a man killed on a previous patrol. When the officer in charge was reported wounded on the other side, Major CARPENTER, utterly disregarding his own safety, set out in a frail craft to rescue him. He was last seen when the light boat capsized in midstream, struggling against the current. Major CARPENTER'S unselfish heroism is in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Allied Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PLAINVIEW, NEBRASKA.

X --- 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 on the date indicated:

2d Lt William B. Lowder O1308660 Hq 82d Abn Div 17 Sep 44 Holland

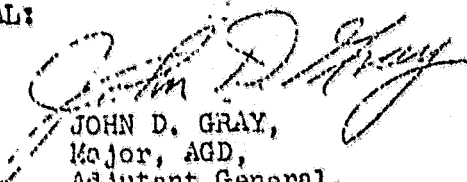
XI --- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 98, 1945:

So much of Section V, General Orders Number 98, this Headquarters, dated 29 June 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to HAROLD G. HERBERT, 36591934, Private First Class, 397th Airborne Engineer Battalion, is amended to read, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion.

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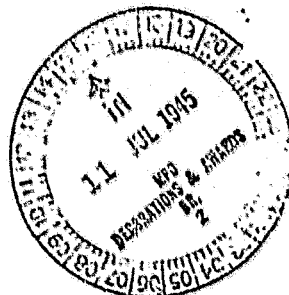
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I — AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

WILLIAM A. KAUFFMAN, 19180766, Technician Fourth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 19-20 September 1944 at ***; HOLLAND, Technician Fourth Grade KAUFFMAN, medical aid man, repeatedly evacuated wounded comrades in jeeps and ambulances in the face of intense enemy fire of all types from the forward lines. Acting with great initiative and without regard for his personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade KAUFFMAN was responsible for the saving of many lives. His excellent conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

EDMUND H. KLINE, 01030263, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 11 July 1943 to 12 November 1944 during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN and HOLLAND campaigns. During the flight over SICILY, his reserve chute burst open before the time to jump but he quickly gathered the silk into his arms and followed the last man out. The continuous commitment of his machine gun sections to the most effective tactical advantage contributed greatly to the successful operations of his battalion during the ITALIAN campaign. During the HOLLAND campaign, prior to the time he was seriously wounded, the intelligent and skillful disposition of his machine gun sections provided inestimable aid to the over-all success achieved by his battalion and reflects great credit upon himself and the army in which he serves. Entered military service from WEST MEDWAY, MASSACHUSETTS.

ADAM A. KOMOSA, 0378898, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry for meritorious achievement from 11 July 1943 to 18 February 1945. Captain KOMOSA has served in the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, ROME-ARNO, BELGIAN and GERMAN campaigns as regimental communications officer and company commander. During bad weather and the mountainous terrain where roads were practically nil and trails were few and far between, the regimental communication system was maintained without interruption through the efficiency and tireless efforts of Captain KOMOSA. During an enemy attack at ***, BELGIUM, his company maintained a platoon outpost and was mainly responsible in repelling this enemy thrust, thereby protecting an important crossroad, the loss of which would have been fatal to the regimental defensive positions. Entered military service from WILKES BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

STANLEY L. KUBECK, 6891295, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 28 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. Soon after the beginning of an attack against his company, Staff Sergeant KUBECK noticed an unmanned machine gun position in the line of

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defense. Disregarding personal safety, he ran across open terrain exposed to enemy mortar and small arms fire, to the emplacement. The gunner had been killed and the weapon damaged. Staff Sergeant KUBECK quickly stripped the piece, helping to repel the attack with the gunner's pistol and grenades, and repaired the damage. Men placed heavy and accurate fire upon the attackers, causing numerous casualties. Staff Sergeant KUBECK stuck to his position until the attack was dispersed. His outstanding courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WEST HAZELTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

BENJAMIN L. LESLIE, W2116106, Chief Warrant Officer, 504th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the inclusive period 11 July 1943 to 7 May 1945 during the SICILIAN, ITALIAN, ARDENNES, HOLLAND and GERMANY campaigns. Despite the fast moving situations in SICILY, the mountainous terrain and practically impassible trails in ITALY, the accurately directed enemy shell fire on the ANZIO beachhead, and the snow-choked roads and freezing weather in the ARDENNES, Chief Warrant Officer LESLIE maintained and supervised the functioning of vital signal equipment which contributed materially to the success of many difficult missions. His high devotion to duty and tireless efforts on behalf of his unit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, GEORGIA.

TALTON W. LONG, O1288410, Lieutenant Colonel (then Major), 505th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service from 17 September 1944 to 22 February 1945, during the HOLLAND and BELGIUM campaigns. Lieutenant Colonel LONG, battalion commander, was directly responsible for the combat efficiency and fine battle record of his battalion in HOLLAND, BELGIUM and GERMANY. Despite heavy losses inflicted by fanatical German opposition, his battalion never once lost ground or failed to accomplish any assigned mission, though in many cases, they fought a numerically superior and more heavily equipped enemy. Lieutenant Colonel LONG'S superior leadership carried his men successfully through two difficult and hazardous campaigns and reflects credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

MAURICE MC SWAIN, 38474649, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 24 February 1944, near ***, ITALY. During a fierce enemy counterattack Private First Class MC SWAIN, with utter disregard for his personal safety and heavy small arms and artillery fire, carried a heavy machine gun to an advantageous point and a lightly protected sector and delivered heavy and accurate fire all along the open front. Private First Class MC SWAIN carried on alone at his voluntary post, accounting for great numbers of enemy. His great courage and deliberate judgment were instrumental in repelling a possible breakthrough in the weakened line. Entered military service from CENTER, TEXAS.

SOL J. MIRMOW, 42035642, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private First Class MIRMOW was wounded in an artillery barrage that inflicted heavy casualties on his section. With a painful wound in his leg, he refused evacuation and ran messages without rest for the next twenty-four hours. His devotion to duty and heroic conduct kept the message center which was without wire communications, functioning through a very critical period. Private First Class MIRMOW'S conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY.

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ORVILLE C. MISHLER, 36000432, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct against the enemy on 30 December 1944, near ***, BELGIUM. A patrol, deep into enemy territory, having gained their information, started to return but were spotted and fired upon by the disclosed positions. One man was killed and two wounded before they could reach cover. Private First Class MISHLER, a volunteer on the patrol, was wounded but returned the fire. Refusing aid, he laid down such an accurate fire that the remainder of the patrol were able to return safely with the other wounded man. Continuing his covering fire, he fought a rearguard action until the patrol was safely out of range. His heroic deed saved the lives of the men and enabled the patrol to bring vital information of the enemy. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

JAMES E. MOORE, 38165789, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 7-8 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Private MOORE, radio operator, volunteered for the second patrol across the RHINE RIVER into the RUHR pocket, knowing that six men and one officer had not returned from the first patrol. Though harassed by continual firing of mortar illuminating flares and sniping of occasional small arms, Private MOORE pressed forward with riflemen on their swift search and providing our intelligence with reports of enemy installations. When the patrol was pinned down for two hours by heavy machine gun fire, he coolly called for mortar and artillery on the enemy gun position and silenced it. His actions were in the best traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT BLISS, TEXAS.

Amend to read: 10502 PSM by HQ # 105 - July 5, 1945
FRANCIS J. MYERS, JR., 024073, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 30 April 1945, near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant MYERS, battalion S-3, made a personal reconnaissance of the front lines with the attacking troops under heavy small arms and flat trajectory anti-aircraft fire. He maintained communications with attacking platoons, battalion commander and higher headquarters, thus furnishing valuable information to key personnel as to the progress of the battle. Throughout the day, First Lieutenant MYERS moved continually along the front lines and he was highly responsible for the battalion fighting as a coordinated team, enabling the battalion commander to exploit his gains with the greatest speed. First Lieutenant MYERS' conduct was in keeping with the most honored traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from EBENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

HARRY H. PRITCHETT, JR., 025705, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 30 April 1945, near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant PRITCHETT, battalion S-3, crossed the ELBE RIVER several times preparatory to launching an attack. After orienting the company commanders, he moved forward to the front lines to determine the enemy situation, located numerous enemy positions, directed artillery fire and permitted attacking troops to move forward. Throughout the day, First Lieutenant PRITCHETT moved back and forth under fire between the front lines and the advance command post, continually keeping his battalion commander informed of the enemy situation. This display of initiative and high regard to duty played a very important part in the accomplishment of the battalion mission with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D. C.

WILLIAM A. REIDELL, 17048243, Private First Class (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action on 21 July 1943 about two miles from ***, SICILY. Private First Class REIDELL, rifleman, volunteered for a mission to neutralize the enemy positions in and on top of a cliff. These positions had the entire battalion pinned down. After crossing four hundred yards of open exposed terrain, Private First Class REIDELL found a machine

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gun nest which had been formed by blasting a hole in the face of the cliff. He threw a hand grenade and followed with his rifle, killing both men occupying the positions. His heroic action led to the elimination of all enemy positions on the cliff and relieved the battalion from a delicate situation. Entered military service from St. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

JACK P. SIMPSON, 01283860, First Lieutenant 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action on 12-13 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. First Lieutenant SIMPSON, directing and working with the demolition platoon to provide safe approaches for the assault crossing of the ROER RIVER, removed over one thousand anti-personnel and anti-tank mines and booby traps from terrain which had been heavily mined by both enemy and friendly troops after having changed hands twice. Despite the hazards of working under sniper fire in unmarked fields, he provided safe lanes to the river. His great personal courage and superior leadership reflect credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from LEAKSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

JOHN O. WEST, 16175752, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 30 April 1945 at ***, GERMANY. Private First Class WEST, medical aid man attached to an assault platoon, with utter disregard for his own safety, went to the aid of two men who had been wounded by enemy artillery fire. Private First Class WEST, in the rear of the platoon, saw what had happened and immediately went to their aid, although his Red Cross brassard was disregarded and he was fired upon by the enemy. The first man was dead and the other man seriously wounded. He administered first aid and remained with the wounded man until a flanking unit disposed of the enemy positions. His gallantry under fire is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered military service from SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

EARL E. POTTER, 39562211, Private First Class (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 20 September 1944, during the WAAL RIVER crossing, near ***, HOLLAND. Private First Class POTTER, crossed the WAAL RIVER with the assault company. Upon landing, his squad was held up by an enemy machine gun. Private First Class POTTER circled the enemy positions to within five yards of it on the flank. From his exposed position, he shot and killed the gunner and seriously wounded the assistant gunner. Having silenced the gun, Private First Class POTTER'S exceptional courage and coolness added much to the rapid disorganization of the enemy and the success of the mission. Entered military service from BURBANK, CALIFORNIA.

JAMES W. SOMMERVILLE, 16115872, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct at ***, BELGIUM on 19-20 December 1944. Under an intense artillery barrage, Private First Class SOMMERVILLE, with complete disregard for his own safety, repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to evacuate casualties from the battlefield to safety. Throughout the night, he delivered messages and supplies tirelessly and courageously until the battalion mission was successfully completed. Private First Class SOMMERVILLE'S conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA.

HERBERT G. CARNEY, SR., 35272887, Private, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action on 9 February 1944 on the ANZIO beachhead. During a fierce enemy attack when communication lines were cut by the intense artillery barrage, Private CARNEY voluntarily repaired them. While one rifleman gave him cover by continually firing his rifle at the enemy, Private CARNEY crawled to a position on the flank of the enemy, where he jumped up, fired his

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rifle from the hip and threw hand grenades, then charged down upon the enemy, killing two and forcing the rest to flee. Returning to his comrade, they repaired the broken communication lines. Private CARNEY'S heroic and courageous act was instrumental in the success of the mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

LESTER J. EVANS, W2108306, Warrant Officer Junior Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 20 September 1944, near ***, HOLLAND. When its commander became a casualty, Warrant Officer Junior Grade EVANS took command and launched a boat and took it across the WAAL RIVER in the assault crossing. On the far shore, he rushed his small group towards the dyke, three hundred yards away. Reaching the raised dyke, he placed his men in a defense of the left flank of the battalion with another crew. The enemy tried four times to recross the dyke and strike at the exposed flank of the battalion, but the courageous actions of Warrant Officer Junior Grade EVANS and the skillful direction of his greatly outnumbered force prevented them. For seven hours they held their position until relieved by another unit. The heroic conduct of Warrant Officer Junior Grade EVANS was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from BELLAIRE, OHIO.

WILLIAM G. BARRON, O1702994, First Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 16 December 1943, near ***, ITALY. First Lieutenant BARRON, after several men had been injured in an attempt to keep a wire repaired on the bald front slope of a mountain, voluntarily and without orders, crawled out on the slope himself and repaired the line. He crawled back and forth for an hour and a half thereafter, constantly under fire and kept the line repaired to maintain the only means of communication with supporting artillery. His heroic action enabled the adjustment of friendly artillery which disrupted the enemy attack and furthered the subsequent capture of ***, ITALY. Entered military service from CHEETANAGA, NEW YORK.

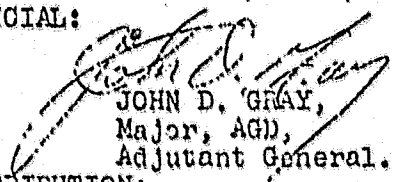
II AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 14, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 14, this Headquarters, dated 2 February 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal, posthumously, to HOWARD A. KEMBLE, O1311163, First Lieutenant, 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 20 December 1944, is amended to read, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944.

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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 Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

BERT DAVIS, 15335822, Private First Class, 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 26 December 1944 in ***, BELGIUM. When his platoon was fiercely attacked by approximately two companies of enemy infantry shortly before dusk, Private First Class DAVIS, acting mortar squad leader, instructed his men to leave, stayed at his position and continued to drop effective mortar fire into the ranks of the onrushing enemy. Despite heavy fire on his unprotected position, Private First Class DAVIS fought singlehandedly until all his ammunition had been expended. The enemy rushed his position, but he stopped them with two hand grenades and got away in the resulting confusion. His heroic stand at his mortar contributed directly to the safe withdrawal of his comrades. Entered military service from TOLEDO, OHIO.

JOSEPH F. FORESTAL, JR., 01309357, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 27 September 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. First Lieutenant FORESTAL, with his platoon, stormed, captured and held for two days a hill dominating a vital patch of woods. Although completely surrounded, without food or ammunition and dependent upon enemy weapons for defense, First Lieutenant FORESTAL inspired the platoon to withstand repeated attempts by the enemy to annihilate them and personally killed twelve of the enemy. Although given up for lost by his battalion, First Lieutenant FORESTAL, with utter disregard for his own life, moved about through his men, encouraging them to keep fighting; then led his small force back through the enemy lines to safety. The gallant actions and extraordinary leadership of First Lieutenant FORESTAL, at a critical period, were largely responsible for the prevention of the platoon's destruction or capture by the enemy and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

EDSON R. MATTICE, 035822, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 19 November 1943 at ***, ITALY. While in a defensive position of Hill 1017, Captain MATTICE'S company was subjected to an intense barrage from heavy mortars. The company command post received six direct hits, killing four and critically wounding three others. Captain MATTICE left the protecting cover of his foxhole and ran to their assistance. In an open position and at the height of the barrage, he rendered first aid and moved them to safety. In so doing, he was

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partially stunned by concussion from a bursting shell and the shrapnel from another pierced his clothing in several places. Captain MATTICE'S coolness under fire and gallantry were responsible for saving the lives of the three soldiers. Such conduct reflects great credit on himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

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

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

HERBERT H. NORMAN, O451650, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 near ***, GERMANY. Without regard for his personal safety and under heavy machine gun and small arms fire, Captain NORMAN crawled forward well ahead of his men to analyze the defensive installations and plan his attack in the company sector of the attack on the SIEGFRIED fortifications. He directed the emplacing of machine guns so that they could cover the apertures of the enemy pillboxes, then moved forward again on an exposed slope to plot the fire trench system. While doing this, Captain NORMAN was fatally wounded but, despite his wound, continued to direct and advise his unit, insuring the successful storming of the line. His courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MOULTRIE, GEORGIA.

III -- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

THOMAS M. JOHNSON, 33092984, Technician Fifth Grade, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 31 March 1945 at ***, FRANCE. When a gasoline burner blew up and sprayed the kitchen tent with flaming gasoline, one cook was enveloped in flames. Technician Fifth Grade JOHNSON rushed into the burning tent without thought of his own personal safety and carried out the burning man, then smothered and extinguished the flames by using his own body. This heroic act saved the endangered man from serious injury and reflects great credit on Technician Fifth Grade JOHNSON. Entered military service from VIRGINIA.

IV -- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

JAMES E. BEACH, 33095889, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 21 December 1944, at ***, BELGIUM. Staff Sergeant BEACH voluntarily went forward alone and laid his own wire for communication over one thousand yards, under the fire of numerous snipers and enemy artillery, to establish an observation post. He directed fire on the enemy, destroying two flak wagons and forcing the rest to retreat. Staff Sergeant BEACH then moved out on the forward slope of the hill in full view of the enemy to draw their fire so that his comrades might locate and destroy concealed positions. The conspicuous gallantry of Staff Sergeant BEACH in risking his life to insure the success of the attack reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from WASHINGTON, D.C.

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JOSEPH S. DISALVO, 32211844, Private First Class (then Private), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy near ***, HOLLAND on the night of 28 October 1944. A combat patrol, whose mission was to seek out and destroy enemy outpost emplacements, was unexpectedly caught in cross fire from two machine guns and became disorganized. Private First Class DISALVO located a comrade and infiltrated to within thirty yards of one position and destroyed it with grenades. Crawling towards the second machine gun, he was seriously wounded. Despite severe pain, Private First Class DISALVO managed to inch forward a few more yards and knocked out the emplacement with two well placed grenades. His courageous act and cool judgment saved the patrol from possible annihilation. Entered military service from NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK.

VANCE C. HALL, JR., 01015938, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action on 25 October 1944 near ***, HOLLAND. In a night raid against an enemy strong point defended by approximately fifty enemy supported by six machine guns, First Lieutenant HALL'S platoon ran into heavy counter-artillery fire which scattered and confused his men. Without hesitation, First Lieutenant HALL moved forward aggressively. Inspired by his courage, his men followed and approximately fifteen of the enemy were killed or wounded and two of the machine guns were knocked out. First Lieutenant HALL'S coolheadedness and outstanding courage were directly responsible for the success of his platoon's mission. Entered military service from LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

HAL G. NEWELL, 18079693, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy on 20 September 1943 near ***, ITALY. Sergeant NEWELL, posted as a security watch for the company defenses, discovered an enemy patrol's approach. He waited until the patrol was close and personally accounted for twelve of the group with this automatic rifle. An officer was wounded during the engagement and Sergeant NEWELL courageously exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to render first aid and help him to safety. He then continued with the destruction of the patrol. Sergeant NEWELL'S heroic act denied the enemy information on our defensive positions and reflects great credit on the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from DALLAS, TEXAS.

MERSE J. PROCESS, 37038269, Corporal, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 14 September 1943 at ***, ITALY. Corporal PROCESS jumped with the 509th Parachute Infantry Battalion at ***, ITALY, as a light machine gun squad leader. He was one of the first to land and when one member of the squad became caught in a tree, Corporal PROCESS, courageously and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, in spite of the intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, moved across the open drop zone and climbed the tree and rescued his comrade. When his squad became surrounded by an enemy patrol, he immediately seized the initiative and single handed carried the attack to their adversaries, driving them off. Corporal PROCESS' bravery reflects credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from FORT MEADE, MARYLAND.

AL N. VRABAC, 37002623, Sergeant, 504th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 20 December 1944 at ***, BELGIUM. With the assistant platoon leader and platoon sergeant casualties, Sergeant VRABAC took command of the machine gun platoon, organized defensive positions and held a line against repeated tank and infantry counterattacks. Late that afternoon, Sergeant VRABAC again took command of the platoon when the platoon leader was killed during a bayonet charge into the village. Clearing with SS troops in savage fire fighting, Sergeant VRABAC and his men routed superior numbers of the enemy and successfully occupied the village. His fearless

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leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from KANISAS.

JOHN W. WUNDERLICH, 33700155, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct on 10-11 April 1945 near ***, GERMANY. On a patrol across the RHINE RIVER, Private First Class WUNDERLICH, S-2 scout, killed an enemy sentry who resisted capture, but the patrol was attacked as it attempted to withdraw, carrying the dead sentry. Private First Class WUNDERLICH held off the enemy while his comrades put off in a boat. He killed one and drove the enemy to cover, then swam out to the boat. Identifications and valuable papers were found on the dead German. Private First Class WUNDERLICH'S aggressive and courageous action reflects credit on himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

V -- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 99, 1945:

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 99, this Headquarters dated 30 June 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to WILLIAM M. TRIPP, 14082107, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, a Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to Private First Class TRIPP.

VI -- AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 103, 1945:

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 103, this Headquarters, dated 3 July 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to FRANCIS J. MYERS, JR., 024073, First Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, is amended to award the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, a Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to First Lieutenant MYERS.

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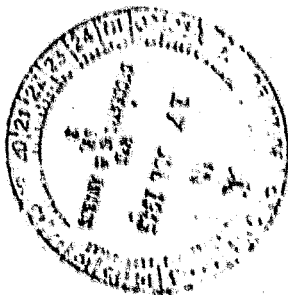
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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL, OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals, the Bronze Star Medal having previously been awarded:

OLEN C. GIBSON, JR., O304294, Captain, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for meritorious achievement from 18 December 1944 to 1 March 1945 during the ARDENNES campaign. Captain GIBSON, S-4, overcame many difficulties in supplying the Division with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, fortification materials and intrenching tools. He obtained transportation, located ammunition and supply points, and procured special items during that critical and fluid situation. Throughout the offensive phase of operation, Captain GIBSON further demonstrated outstanding ability by meeting the Division's needs for explosives and river crossing equipment. Captain GIBSON'S efforts and tireless devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the Division's mission in the ARDENNES campaign. Entered military service from ALABAMA.

CHARLES R. ZIRKLE, O419809, Captain, 504th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the inclusive period 18 December 1944 to 18 February 1945 during the ARDENNES campaign. Captain ZIRKLE, battalion surgeon, under extremely adverse conditions of terrain and climate, during a campaign of rapid movement and numerous casualties, functioned continuously with outstanding courage, fortitude, foresight and skill to attend and evacuate the wounded. In spite of frequent exposure to artillery and small arms fire, including sniper activity, Captain ZIRKLE performed his duties in a manner to inspire all with whom he came in contact throughout the entire campaign. Entered military service from KING TON, TENNESSEE.

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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 Memorandum Number 33, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

BUFF CHISOLM, JR., 01011947, First Lieutenant, 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion (Reinforced), for heroism in action on 29 December 1944 near ***, BELGIUM. First Lieutenant CHISOLM, company executive officer, while under intense machine gun, mortar and artillery fire during a night attack, fearlessly exposed himself to reorganize and lead three different disorganized platoons that had lost their leaders. His heroic leadership effected the successful conclusion of the company mission and was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from TENNESSEE.

DARWIN P. GERARD, 01182838, Captain, Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division Artillery, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in BELGIUM and GERMANY from 18 December 1944 to 20 February 1945 and from 28 April 1945 to 5 May 1945. Captain GERARD, engineering and supply officer, displayed outstanding initiative and judgment in rendering exceptional service to the Division during these campaigns. His conduct of the administration, supply and operation of air observation post sections, contributed greatly to the successful accomplishments of the missions of the artillery in both these campaigns. His conduct reflects the highest credit on the military service. Entered service from LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

JOHN W. GIEB, 35012303, Master Sergeant, 82d Parachute Maintenance Company, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy for the period 1 September 1944 to 27 September 1944 in the UNITED KINGDOM. As parachute supply sergeant in parachute maintenance, Master Sergeant GIEB was charged with the responsibility of executing and supervising the tedious task of equipping the division before and after their landing in HOLLAND. He organized the parachute supply section and salvaged air corps equipment from former operations, for the fabrication of new equipment. Master Sergeant GIEB'S excellent supervision and tireless efforts were an inspiration to the section in maintaining an adequate air corps supply service throughout the campaign. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, OHIO.

RICHARD A. HIGGINS, 01302627, First Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry, for heroic action on 26 October 1944 near ***, ITALY.

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When an unexpected break in the weather suddenly exposed his patrol to enemy fire which wounded two men and pinned the others down in an area devoid of cover, First Lieutenant HIGGINS voluntarily and unhesitatingly went to the side of the wounded men, rendered first aid and dragged them to safety. These trips were made under constant enemy observation and fire. First Lieutenant HIGGINS, then covered the withdrawal of the patrol, killing at least three of the enemy and prevented a counterattack from being launched. His conduct was in keeping with the high traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MONTANA.

JOHN A. HOLABIRD, JR., 01106824, First Lieutenant, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for meritorious achievement in operations against an armed enemy in HOLLAND from 21 September 1944 to 15 November 1944. Acting as engineer liaison officer with the 504th Combat Team, he instructed mine laying details and personally checked each and every minefield and made ten night patrols into enemy territory which was tightly defended, heavily mined and strongly covered by enemy fire. During these patrols, he marked and referenced the fields and corrected sketches. First Lieutenant HOLABIRD'S efforts measurably aided the defense plan of our forces and saved lives of our troops by eliminating the danger of advancing through and lifting our own anti-personnel and anti-tank minefields. His outstanding performance of duty reflects great credit on himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from ILLINOIS.

WILLIAM F. JONES, 0420761, Captain, Inspector General's Department, Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, for meritorious achievement from 10 May 1943 to 17 March 1945 in the Mediterranean and European Theater of Operations. Captain JONES, Assistant Inspector General, revealed broad professional knowledge, keen foresight and rare judgment in the conduct of countless investigations concerning airborne activities for which there was no existing fund of experience. His initiative, intelligence and comprehensive studies contributed greatly to achieving solutions of important problems which have since become the basis of many airborne policies. Captain JONES has consistently demonstrated capabilities of the highest order motivated by a zealous regard for the superior efficiency of the Division and its continuing success throughout its long period of operations overseas. Entered military service from CONNECTICUT.

ERWIN F. SCHROEDER, 0476491, First Lieutenant, 551st Parachute Infantry Battalion (Reinforced), for heroic action on 16 August 1944 near ***, FRANCE. First Lieutenant SCHROEDER advanced well ahead of his platoon and fearlessly exposed himself to the fire of two enemy machine guns and other small arms to draw their fire from five other soldiers of his company who were in an untenable position in the open. First Lieutenant SCHROEDER'S heroic action enabled the

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men to move to a better position and continue their mission. First Lieutenant SCHROEDER was shot through the chest and his unselfish and courageous example was in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from MASSACHUSETTS.

III - AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 19, 1945:

So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 19, this Headquarters, dated 20 February 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal posthumously to WILLIAM J. KURZAWSKI, 33668395, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry, for heroic conduct in action on 20-21 September 1944, is amended to read, for heroic conduct in action on 19-20 September 1944.

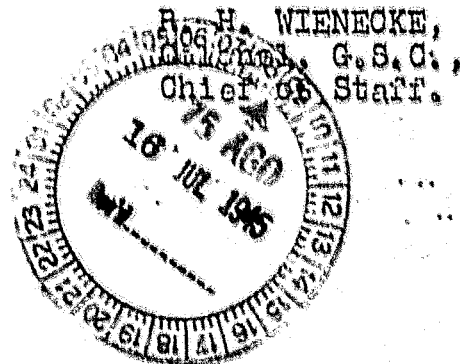
IV - AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 47, 1945:

So much of Section I, General Orders Number 47, this Headquarters, dated 4 April 1945, as awards the Silver Star Medal posthumously to DONALD BOOTH, 0462443, First Lieutenant, First Battalion, 551st Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945, is amended to read, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945.

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By direction of the President, under the authority of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and verbal order of Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, dated 23 May 1945, and letter 200.6 (G-1), Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), dated 21 May 1945, the LEGION OF MERIT, in the degree of OFFICER, is awarded to the following named individual:

General Major MITROFAN FEDOROVITCH SOUPROVNOFF, Russian Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during operations in Germany, as commander of the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

II -- AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT - LEGIONNAIRE:

By direction of the President, under the authority of AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and verbal order of Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, dated 23 May 1945, and letter 200.6 (G-1), Headquarters XVIII Corps (Airborne), dated 21 May 1945, the LEGION OF MERIT, in the degree of LEGIONNAIRE, is awarded to the following named individuals:

Colonel ALEXEI MICHAELOVITCH MICHAELOFF, Russian Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during operations in Germany with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Lieutenant Colonel FEDOR ILICH TIMOSHENKO, Russian Army. For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during the operations in Germany with the 385th Infantry Division, Army of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

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