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ROY E. LINDQUIST
COLONEL INFANTRY COMMANDING OFFICER

FOREWORD

Today the regiment is three years old. Its life has not been long in terms of years, but filled with accomplishments: at Camp Blanding, Fort Benning, Camp Mackall, Tennessee, Ireland, England, Normandy, Holland, Belgium, and now Germany. These have been years of continuous outstanding accomplishment in all fields of military action, garrison and combat.

On October 20, 1942 this regiment was activated for one purpose, to build up a fighting unit, and then to fight to help to defeat the Axis armies in battle. That has been done and done magnificently. The history of this regiment is one of glorious achievements of which we and those who follow us can be justly proud.

The successes and accomplishments of the regiment have not been without the cost that war imposes on all fighting units. The courage, honor and sacrifice of those members of the regiment now carried on our Honor Roll brought us to victory. The finest heroes are those who still remain in Normandy, and Holland, and Belgium. Their memory we keep with us in reverence and in honor as a constant inspiration for the future, in civilian or in military life, to keep the peace for which we have fought and they have died.

As we face our peacetime duties now, we cannot rest on the laurels of war. This I know every member of the regiment realizes, for you have demonstrated it in your performance of duty since V-E day. Many old members have left and are still to leave the regiment to return to their civilian duties. To them I say, 'Good luck, and my sincere thanks and appreciation for your superb contribution in finishing the task set for us three years ago!'

To the men who arrive now to replace those who have gone, I and the regiment extend a hearty welcome. You can be proud of the history of the regiment, now your regiment. It is your obligation and responsibility to write the succeeding chapters in the same magnificent way. No one doubts the manner in which you will carry on.

Ray E. Lindquist



SONIA HENIE HONORARY COLONEL
508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY

ORGANIZATION DAY PROGRAM

10.30-11.00 THIRD BATTALION PARADE

a) All members of the regiment and their military guests.
b) Award of Plaque to NCO Club.
c) Commanding Officer's address to group.

11.00-14.00 OPEN HOUSE

Regimental area open to all members of the regiment and their military guests.

12.00 DINNER (with music)

All members of the regiment and their military guests.

14.00 FOOTBALL GAME

506th vs MIS Oberursel played at Frankfurt Athletic Field

17.00 EVENING MEAL (with music)

All members of the regiment and their military guests.

18.30-20.30 USO SHOW

18.30-20.30 MOVIE AT REGIMENTAL THEATER

19.00 REGIMENTAL HOPS AT:

a) EM Club.
b) NCO Club.
c) Officers Club.



REGIMENTAL STAFF, 508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Colonel Roy E. Lindquist, *Commanding*

Maj. Robert L. Tobin, S-1 / Maj. Walter H. Silver, S-3 / Capt. Walter L. Wakefield, S-4 / Capt. George E. Miles, S-2

HONO

NORMANDY, FRANCE

Abbott, Edgar R.	1st Lt.
Batchelder, Herbert F.	Lt. Col.
Bell, Bruce E.	1st Lt.
Breen, John A.	Capt.
Cook, Mack G.	2nd Lt.
Creary, Hal M.	Capt.
Czapinski, Edward J.	2nd Lt.
Daly, John J.	1st Lt.
Davis, George C.	1st Lt.
Flanders, Francis E.	Capt.
Gillespie, Fred E.	1st Lt.
Grabbe, Victor	1st Lt.
Hamilton, Elbert F.	2nd Lt.
Harvey, Wayne K.	Capt.
Huggins, Robert D.	1st Lt.
Jampetero, John J.	1st Lt.
Johnson, Donald I.	1st Lt.
King, Edward F.	Capt.
Lehman, Paul E.	2nd Lt.
Lehman, Robert W.	2nd Lt.
Masternowski, I. P.	Capt.
Mathias, Robert P.	1st Lt.
Meadows, Benj. F.	2nd Lt.
Murray, Ray W.	1st Lt.
Qua'a, John A.	1st Lt.
Ruddy, Gerard A.	Capt.
Schwartz, Norbert J.	1st Lt.
Scudder, William S.	2nd Lt.
Slusky, Joseph I.	1st Lt.
Slavitch, Eugene H.	1st Lt.
Sheehan, Vincent L.	2nd Lt.
Simonds, George W.	Capt.
Smith, Talbert A.	1st Lt.
Sons, Arthur F.	2nd Lt.
Stull, Elmer R.	2nd Lt.
Williams, Gene H.	2nd Lt.
Babjak, Andrew	Pvt
Bair, Charles E.	Pvt
Baldwin, Charles K.	Cpl.
Basile, Seraphie J.	Pvt
Bateman, James D.	Pvt
Bettide, Nicholas V.	Pvt
Bayslinger, Sylvester J.	Tec 5
Beers, Donald E.	S/Sgt
Belair, Raymond C.	Pvt
Belmontez, Arthur F.	Pvt
Bencati, Frank A.	Pvt
Benson, Robert W.	Pfc
Benton, Don R.	Pvt
Billington, Orren W.	Pfc
Brow, Steve	Pfc
Bitterman, Edward	Pfc
Blackmon, Ben D.	Pfc
Bolin, Raymond H.	Pfc
Borzelo, Thomas E.	Pvt
Bowen, Francis N.	Pvt
Brand, Robert S.	S/Sgt
Brewer, Forrest V.	Pvt
Brown, Charles N.	Pvt
Brown, Robert G.	Cpl
Bryant, Elmer T.	Pvt
Buchanan, Bill C.	Pvt
Bundy, Joe	S/Sgt
Burns, Paul F.	Pfc
Butchee, William H.	Pfc
Butler, Charles E.	Pvt
Byrne, Joseph A.	Pvt
Carpenter, Alva L.	Sgt
Carpenter, Edwin F.	Pfc
Carriere, Raymond	Pvt
Carroll, John E.	Pvt
Chamberlin, John R.	Pfc
Chaney, Lloyd W.	Cpl
Chipman, Ray	Pvt
Choate, George L.	Pfc
Colleton, Lloyd O.	Pfc
Conrad, Raymond L.	1st Sgt
Cook, Hosmer	Cpl
Cooper, Everil T.	Pvt
Carchwood, Donald	Pvt
Couch, Wayne E.	Pfc
Cross, Thomas G.	Sgt
Crotteau, Rene A.	Pfc
Crouch, Robert T.	Pfc
Crutcher, Douglas R.	Pvt
Daly, Murray E.	Pfc
Damico, Pat	Pvt
Dixon, John A.	Pvt
DeBoer, Edwin	Pvt
Dixon, Harry B.	Pfc
DeLeach, Bryant C.	Cpl
DePaolis Jr., Columbo	Sgt
DeVoy, Cyril K.	Pfc
Dreveger, Arthur F.	Cpl
Driscoll, John J.	Pvt
Ducote, Clifton S.	Pfc
Edman, Richard E.	Sgt
Elliott, James H.	Sgt
Evert, John P.	Pfc
Fabra, Raymond S.	Pfc
Farmer, William H.	Sgt
Fateley, Glenn A.	Pvt
Field, Edward K.	Pvt
Foubt, Edward J.	Pfc
Foster, Kenneth D.	Pvt
Gainer, Virgil	Pfc
Gardner, Emery G.	Pfc
Garza, Francisco	Pfc
Gaydos, Emery W.	Pvt
George, Maurice T.	Pfc
Gerald, Robert S.	1st Sgt
Green, Bennett M.	Pfc
Green, Comer	Pvt
Grissom, Mac J.	Pfc
Guist, William O.	Pvt
Gunter, Jack	Cpl
Gutman, William	Sgt
Hall Jr., James W.	Tec 5
Hamelson, Walter W.	Pfc
Harrold, Joseph J.	Sgt
Heats, William R.	Pvt
Hattrick, James E.	Pvt
Heinz, Albert L.	Pvt
Helton, Delbert A.	Sgt
Higgins, Harry S.	Sgt
Hill, Morton W.	Pvt
Hillman, Albert B.	Pvt
Hopkins, Randall W.	Pfc
Hoxon, Jettie	Pfc
Hritzko, Andrew H.	Tec 5
Hunt, Earl F.	Pvt
Hyatt, Morris R.	Pfc
John, Robert T.	Pvt
Jones, Carl W.	Pfc
Jones, James C.	Pvt
Joyner, Herman L.	Pfc
Johnson, Clifford E.	Pfc
Judelind, John J.	Sgt
Jurik, Charles W.	Pvt
Kellum, Jessie M.	Cpl
Kinnaid, Glenn E.	Pfc
King, Ernest J.	Cpl
Kirsch, James	Pvt
Kocsan, William	Pvt
Kozial, Daniel F.	Tec 5
Kurlwicki, Richard S.	Pvt
Labate, Augustus D.	Pfc
Lancaster, Eugene C.	Pvt
Lane, John E.	Pvt
Landry, Charles T.	Pfc
Lapham, Orville W.	Pvt
Lapiana, Harold E.	Pfc
Latimer, Lewis W.	Cpl
Laurelli, Louis J.	Cpl
Layne Jr., Lewis W.	Pvt
Lazarra, Joseph C.	S/Sgt
Lekaczyk, Mathew J.	Pvt
Sime, Francis J.	Pvt
Smith, John T.	Pvt
Smith, Millard R.	Pvt
Smith, Paul D.	Pfc
Smith, Richard W.	S/Sgt
Smotzk, Lawrence J.	Tec 5
Sobczyk, Adam F.	Pvt
Stanzola, James P.	Pfc
Stauffer, James B.	Pvt
Stathergos, Maurice J.	Pvt
Steel, Travis W.	Pfc
Stolt, Robert L.	Cpl
Swendsen, Theodore O.	Pfc
Swan, Charles R.	Pvt
Tanner, Richard G.	Pfc
Taylor, Lavaste A.	Pfc
Teehan, Martin J.	Pvt
Teller, Charles S.	Pvt
Terhune, Roland E.	Pvt
Tiarks, Werner C.	Pfc
Towery, Albert D.	Pvt
Tooley, Ralph	Pfc
Torpie, William J.	Tec 5
Trammell, William S.	Pfc
Tremblay, Frank A.	Pvt
Trevino, Candelario J.	Pvt
Turner, Walter V.	Pvt
Ulrich, William L.	S/Sgt
Union, Robert E.	Pfc
Urbanski, John W.	Pvt
Vanhen, Arthur L.	Tec 5
Welling, Donald E.	Pfc
Weaver, Robert H.	Pvt
Webster Alton H.	Pfc
Wenzel, Marcel A.	1st Sgt
Wilber, Harold	Pfc
Williams, Earl D.	S/Sgt
Williamson, John H.	Tec 4
Wilson, Earl T.	Pfc
Wingar, Paul H.	Pfc
Wisinger, Donald W.	Pvt
Winkler, Herbert S.	Pvt
Wood, Donald J.	Pvt
Woods, Porter P.	Pvt
Wycoff, Albert M.	Pvt
Wysocki, Joseph B.	Pfc
Yatkolic, John A.	Pvt
Yoon, Donald	Pfc
Yost, J. Francis J.	Sgt
Zelinsky, Bernard J.	Sgt
Zervos, Thomas	Pvt
Zimmerman, Harry E.	Pfc
Lozzada, Benjamin J.	Pfc
Lilly, Gordon M.	Sgt
Lindsey, John E.	Pvt
Lockerby, Gordon J. W.	Pvt
Lockwood, William	Pvt
Lokan, Herbert F.	Pfc
Lott, Thomas L.	Pfc
Ludwig, William T.	Pfc
Lux, Alex M.	Pvt
Lysaich, Nick	Pfc
Lyon, Myron L.	Pfc
MacDonald, Fred G.	Pfc
Malone, Edsel A.	Pvt
Maloney, William F.	Cpl
Manfredi, Joseph W.	Pvt
Manget, LeGrande T.	Pvt
Martin, Arnold H.	Pfc
Martin, Robert E.	Pfc
Matheson, Walter H.	Pfc
Mathews, Arthur F.	Cpl
Matthews, Marion E.	Pvt
Matyskella, Donald F.	Pfc
McCann, Russel G.	Pvt
McCoy, Robert R.	Pvt
McCulley, Wade	Pvt
McGary, Charles E.	Pfc
McGuire, John J.	Pvt
McKim, Ray A.	Pvt
McKnight, William T.	Pfc
Meads, Luther B.	Pvt
Medford Jr., William A.	Sgt
Melby, Carl E.	Pfc
Mertz, Elmer	Pvt
Meline, Julius	Pvt
Montgomery, Robert L.	Sgt
Moore Jr., Clyde R.	Pfc
Moore, George M.	Tec 5
Morris, Covert J.	Pvt
Morris, Elwood	Pvt
Moser, Frank W.	Pfc
Moses, Melvin A.	Sgt
Muenster, William H.	Pfc
Murray, James J.	Pfc
Murray, Maynard F.	Pfc
Myers, James L.	Sgt
Nadeau, Joseph G. C.	Pfc
Nash, Thomas W.	Pfc
Newton, Fred W.	Pvt
Nicholson, Ralph W.	Pvt
Nicolai, Frank J.	Tec 4
Niemiec, Francis E.	Pvt
Norkunas, Anthony J.	Tec 4
Owen, James M.	Pvt
Owens, Paul R.	Pvt
Ozbolt, Edward C.	Pfc
Pavlish, John	Pvt
Pawlings, Henry S.	Pvt
Pence, Marion L.	Pfc
Perrone, James P.	Tec 5
Petersen, Evelyn J.	Pvt
Petersen, James	Pvt
Petros, George	Cpl
Pratt, William A.	Pvt
Pierson, Billie J.	Sgt
Plevkar, Rudi C.	Pfc
Polansky, Edward	Pfc
Prieto, Ramon V.	Pfc
Prosser, Herman M.	Pvt
Rennbauer, Howard R.	Pvt
Reglogle, Gerald B.	Cpl
Ricciotti, Frank J.	Pvt
Richardson, Carleton F.	Pvt
Rivas, Johnnie M.	Pvt
Roberts, Gladwin E.	Pvt
Roberts, Harold E.	S/Sgt
Rollins, Dewzel C.	Pvt
Rosenthal, Ned D.	Pvt
Ryan, John E.	Pfc
Rzasa, Steve L.	Pfc
Saccone, Thomas P.	Pfc
Saunders, Edgar T.	Tec 5
Schoenwald, Robert J.	Sgt
Schneltzer, Harry W.	Pfc
Sciala, Donald R.	Pfc
Schrader, LeRoy M.	Pvt
Scriba, Edward E.	Pvt
Scroggins, Weldon D.	Pvt
Semenik, Nicholas	Pfc
Shipley, Eugene P.	Pvt
Short, Wendel M.	Cpl
Showalter, Elmer W.	Pvt
Sies, Arnold J.	Pvt
Arico, Anthony	Pvt
Baker, Sherman L.	Pvt
Bartholomew, Elton E.	Tec 5
Brogan, Harold J.	S/Sgt
Chambers, Jack M.	Sgt
Coon, Raymond J.	Pfc
Dixon, Jack S.	Tec 5
Greene, Chester J.	Pvt

R O L L

Henry, David A. S/Sgt
Jirinec, Francis M. Pvt
Loomis, Hollis Pfc
Mello, Henry Pfc
Muller, David P. Pfc
Morgan, Robert A. Pvt
Nosseney, Edward Pfc
Pace, Sam P. Cpl
Poole, Colbert C. Pvt
Ramesa, Victor Pvt
Rotterman, Fred C. Pfc
Shelar, Thomas H. Pvt
Sprinkle, Jack L. Pvt
Van Riper Jr., Hugh Pvt
Wheeler, Jack R. Pfc
Majers, Glen W. Pfc
McCoy, Walter J. Pvt
Mundy, Craig L. Pfc
Mackey, Frank E. Pvt
McCombs, John Pvt
Shaw, Harry W. Tec 5
Youngblood, Claude M. Pvt

HOLLAND

Duffy, Joseph M. 2nd Lt.
Alexander, Boyd A. 2nd Lt.
Cain, Charles E. 2nd Lt.
Covey, Kenneth A. 1st Lt.
DeWeese, Ralph E. 1st Lt.
Garry, William J. 1st Lt.
Humphrey, Freder. G. 2nd Lt.
Jetros, George 1st Lt.
King, Edward M. 1st Lt.
Lange, Arthur E. 2nd Lt.
Merritt, Thomas J. 2nd Lt.
Morris, Duane W. 2nd Lt.
Pulverman, William E. 2nd Lt.
Tinker Jr., John S. 2nd Lt.
Duke Jr., James P. 2nd Lt.
Mitchell, Robert M. 1st Lt.
Adams, Donald R. Tec 5
Akins, Hugh J. Cpl
Alfonso, Jafet Pfc
Alva, Fidel Pvt
Alvarez, Manuel L. Pvt
Anderson, Eugene E. Pvt
Apodaca, Juan O. Pvt
Atherton, Roger L. Cpl
Aslise, Sherman E. Pvt
Becher, Willard Pfc
Barron, George E. Pfc
Boyce, Walter S. Pfc
Bozeidis, Andrew F. Pvt
Sadowrz, Walter J. Pvt
Benson, Kenneth O. Sgt
Bergstrom, Carl W Pfc
Bledsoe, Cecil W. Pvt
Bolin, Rudolph E. Sgt
Bollier, Sherwood H. Cpl
Butt, William M. Pvt
Brightsman, Gerald Pfc
Brown, Edward B. Pvt
Branch, Robert C. Pvt
Burleson, Joe W. Pvt
Byrne, Donald F. Pvt
Cabiz, James F. Pvt
Cassity, Cecil W. Cpl
Cavlovic, Edward M. Pvt
Childs, James A. Pfc
Christenson, Edward T. Tec 4
Clancy, Harry B. Pvt
Colow, Richard P. Sgt
Coltrin, Walter L. Pfc
Coma, Reynold Tec 4
Crandall, Fay J. Pfc
Davis, Richard R. Pvt
Davis, Willard H. Pvt
Deaver, Clyde Pfc
Dennison, Ross Pvt
Dixson, Walter Pvt
Ellerbusch, Herbert W. Pvt
Everitt, Edward M. Pvt
Fisher, Clyde E Pvt
Foster, Emmanuel M. Tec 4
Giacomelli, John V. Pvt
Godwin, Donald J. Pfc
Hacker, Charles H. Pvt
Hajek Jr., Charles J. Pfc
Halopoff, Martin R. Cpl
Hartman, George E. Pfc
Henderson, Alvin H. Sgt
Hernandez, Joe F. Sgt
Hess, John T. Pfc
Hines, Cecil G. Pfc
Holloway Jr., Benjamin Pvt
Hughes, Garrett T. Pvt
Jamieson, Dallas A. Pfc
Johnson, Laverne G. Pvt
Johnson, Malcolm N. Pvt
Johnson, Ray M. Pfc
Jones, Martin W Pvt
Karawan, Walter Pfc
Kellogg, Rankin B. Tec 5
Kurtz, Raymond C. Pfc
Kurzawski, William J. Pvt
Kussmaul, Daniel E. Pfc
Laky Jr., Joseph L. Pvt
Lean, Arthur F. Pfc
Leonard, Theodore H. Pfc
Lewis, Roy B. Cpl
Matthews, Edward P. Pvt
McPherson Jr., Graham Pvt
Melvin, George R. Pvt
Mesmasi, Julius F. Pvt
Myers, Max Pvt
Medra, Joseph Pfc
Novakovsky, Walter G. Pfc
Perdue, John P. Pvt
Peterson, William L. Pfc
Pierce Jr., V. G. Sgt
Price, Meryld D. Sgt
Ramsey, Jackson T. Sgt
Randall, Rudy Pvt
Rendine, Joseph M. Pfc
Reposkey, Emery C. Pfc
Richey, George L Pvt
Rickard, Patrick J. Pfc
Rodriguez, John Pfc
Rogan, Charles J. Pfc
Rogers, Charles H. Tec 5
Schoen, Michael Pvt
Shoe, Edward T. Pfc
Sherwood, Robert Z. Pvt
Shindler, Jean P. Pvt
Sides, Curtis B. Sgt
Sidley Jr., James N. Sgt
Siniari, Lambert C. Pvt
Singer, Paul B. Tec 5
Smith, Wade Pfc
Spivey, Rex W. Sgt
Sprague, Jr., Edgar P. Pvt
Stabagi, John Pfc
Stevens, Stanley E. Sgt
Stocker, John T. S/Sgt
Taylor, Harold F. Pfc
Thiel, Maurice H. Pvt
Thomas, Richard H. Cpl
Trybulowski, Edward S/Sgt
Tuttle, Charles E. Pvt
Twilley, John F. Pvt
Upton, Bennie S. Pvt
Wade, Henry E. Pfc
Weaver, Donald C. Pvt
Weitock, Arthur J Pvt
Wilson, Donald A. Pvt
Wilson, Raymond H. Pvt
Wolcott, Jack F. Pvt
Woods, William F. Pfc
Anhut, Charles R. Pvt
Becker, Warren W. Sgt
Castro, Silvestre P. Pvt
Grenger, Theodore H Pfc
Havens, Victory F. Pvt
Lupton, Walter R. Cpl
Mason, Henry J. Pfc
Medzell, Walter A. Pfc
Ortega, Paul L. Pvt
Parsons, Jodie L. Pvt
Rhodes, Harry M. Pfc
Smith, Robert L. Pvt
Van Horn, Earl Pfc

ARDENNES

Rockwell, Thomas L. 2nd Lt.
Thomas, Vernon 1st Lt.
Weaver Jr., Courts, M. 2nd Lt.
Poiotte Jr., Lloyd L. 1st Lt.
Alfrey, Howard J. Pvt
Arnold Jr., Robert Pvt
Bako, Lewis P. Pvt
Billiegs, Clarence N. Sgt
Bisefski, Joseph P. Pvt
Boyce, Emmett L. Pvt
Campbell, James S. Pvt
Cascio, Brassie S. Cpl
Chase, Ernest W. Pvt
Childers, Jesse D. Pvt
Clegg, Robert F. Pfc
Clement III, George W. S/Sgt
Coburn, Ray W. Pfc
Cordova, Manuel A. Pfc
Cranston, Harold M. Pfc
Dermott, John B. Pfc
Dilliner, John A Sgt
Donoso, Francis J. Pfc
Drelick, Walter Pvt
Duncan, Charles Pvt
Dunn, Lawrence C. Sgt
Ensminger Jr., Joseph D. Pvt
Firestine, Walter Cpl
Froehle, Bernard J. Pfc
Gawlak, Eugene F. Pfc
Gayle, Harold N. Pvt
Gomez, Oscar Pvt
Gutierrez, Robert P. Pvt
Hicks, Robert C. Sgt
James, Wilbur E. Cpl
Jordan Jr., William R. Cpl
Kinney, Donald L. Pfc
Kriser, George E. Pfc
Landreth, Benjamin S. Pvt
LeBoeuf, Jean B. Tec 5
Lahatt, Albert Pvt
Lesko, Joseph A. Pvt
Lindsay, Robert T. Pfc
Lopez, Andrew W. Sgt
Lowrie, Robert D. Pfc
Mack, George E. Pfc
Martin, Noah E. Pfc
McDonald Jr., Howard B. Cpl
Martinez, Victor B. M. Pfc
McNeil, Ronald A. Pfc
Millikin, Paul Pfc
Muniz, Refugio A. Pfc
Nicolette Sr., Albert C. Pvt
Nulty, John W. Pvt
Othaver, George E Pvt
Paczkowski, Joseph R. Pfc
Pate, Joseph H. Pfc
Payet, John E. Pvt
Plyler, Perry L. Pfc
Price, Wilbur M. Pfc
Radich, Joseph R. Pvt
Reed, Perce S. Pvt
Rezzo Jr., Anthony Pfc
Rhodes II., John A. Pvt
Roberts, Harold H. Pfc
Robertson, Bedford Pvt
Roush, Keith E. Pvt
Scott Jr., Otho L. Pvt
Sedam, Wendell E. Pvt
Smith, Otis C. Pfc
Srednicki, James P. Tec 5
Steele, Cleborn A. Pvt
Swanson, Roger A. Pvt
Tetak, Steve Pfc
Tomaseski, John A. Pvt
Van Winkle, Hugh Pfc
Wall, Dallas L. Pvt
Wordenski, Henry L. Pvt
Wells, Walter E. Cpl
Westbrook, Harold V. Sgt
Wigsad, William F. Pvt
Williams, Herbert L. Pfc
Williams, William A. Pvt
Ackermann, Harry F. Pvt
Anderson, Merlin B. Pvt
Bown, Evan O. Pvt
Cline, Neil H. Sgt
Dobbs, Thomas M. Cpl
Fox, Richard H. Pvt
Green, Corbin L. Pfc
Hankinson, Lamarre R. S/Sgt
Hiner, Harold K. Tec 5
Larson, Lawrence H. Cpl
Lucas, Richard D Pvt
Mead, Donald C. Pvt
Mendivil, Felix S. Pvt
Miller, Albert F. Pvt
Miller, Willis O. Pvt
Moskalski, George P. Pvt
Reich, Edward M. Pfc
Savage, Robert J. Sgt
Sobolewski, William J. Pvt
Tafoya, Frank B. Pfc
Volinski, Salomon Pvt
Walsh, Victor C. Pfc
Wolf, Raymond B. S/Sgt
Womble, Jesse J. Cpl

RHINELAND

Goodale, Hoyt T. 1st Lt.
Nation, William H. Capt
Leatherwood, John F. 2nd Lt.
Albright, John L. Pfc
Bates, George J. Pvt
Burak, Frank H. Pfc
Derzipilski, John Pfc
Endress, Joseph G. S/Sgt
Goodman, Floyd O. Cpl
Henderson, Roy J. Cpl
Lakes, Carl Tec 4
Lamberson, William L. Pfc
Martinez, Victor B. M. Pfc
McDaniel, Jess Pfc
Micker, Charles Sgt
Nelson, Lawrence V. Sgt
Rolland, Jack F. Tec 5
Ward, Glenn H. Pvt
Wild, Edward W. S/Sgt
Wright, Wilbur C. Pvt
Wise, Joseph G. Pfc
Bain, Robert J. Pfc
Brown, Guy D. Sgt
Gervais, Robert F. Sgt
Lane Jr., John J. Pfc
Lester, R. O. Pfc
Scialabra, Jack J. Pfc
Vacca, William Pfc

HISTORY
OF THE
503RD PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Although history would have it that the 503th Parachute Infantry was born on the 20th of October, 1942, plans for its activation began well before that date. Early in September Major Roy E. Lindquist was told that he would command the regiment. Between this time and the day of activation Major Lindquist procured and trained a cadre obtained from the 26th Infantry Division, the 502nd Parachute Infantry, and the Parachute School, moved his skeleton crew to Camp Blanding, Florida, and was promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel.

During the latter part of October and the first of November, more than 4500 men, mostly fresh from Reception Centers, were processed before the original quota of 2300 had met all requirements. Their first appearance before their battalion commanders was a surprise to most of the recruits. Being inducted into a man's army, and then being asked such questions as: "What's your name? Why? Is Mickey Mouse a boy or a girl?" left several men wondering what the score was. Yet such was the indoctrination Major Louis G. Mendez, Jr. gave each man of his Third Battalion, for the men had to be mentally as well as physically alert.

The booming voice of 1st Lt. Fleming shouting at a battalion taking calisthenics symbolized life during the period of basic training: "Absolute silence and instantaneous response to command are the very essence of military training! Grab your partner in the fireman's carry! Now we'll do twenty-five slow, easy deep knee bends . . ." Courses in basic infantry subjects were interspersed with periods of alert drills, runs, rope climbing, and tumbling. It is small wonder that the officers were amazed when at the end of the day the chow whistle would be answered by a bunch of double-timing, tumbling men, screaming like wild indians.

Company competition was held at Blanding for rifle marksmanship, close order drill, and physical prowess, with streamers being placed on the winning company's guidon. In a contest open to everyone, Sgt. Andrew J. Sklivis submitted the winning suggestion for a regimental insignia, a parachuting Red Devil, and the battle-cry "Diablo!" was adopted.

The regiment was restricted to camp while undergoing basic training, and during a slight epedemic of measles, movement was limited to the company areas. Early in December this ban was lifted and the 503th went shopping in Jacksonville. The reaction to this sudden freedom can only be described as normal under the circumstances.

From the day the first recruits arrived at Blanding, the entire outfit lived for the day jump training would begin. On meeting a class in the morning, an instructor would ask, "How many days?", and the men would shout back the amount of time remaining before the trip to Fort Benning. When the First Battalion left on February 3rd, physical and mental conditioning was topped only by the superior state of morale.

Marching from the train to barracks in the "frying pan" area at Benning in the early morning, the men turned their eyes on the four 250-foot towers that loomed out of the mist. Though they looked ominous and a feeling of anxiety swept down the column, these steel mammoths were not as frightening on this morning as they would be a few weeks later when the soon-to-be jumbers were dangling from their tops.

After two weeks of preliminary training the day of the first jumps arrived. Marching through the streets of the fort, lustily singing "The Song of the Airborne Infantry" to hide their nervousness, each man suddenly realized that part of the old curiousity was replaced by uneasiness. Within the hour the first men had jumped, and by the end of the week new silver wings were beginning to appear on the blouses of the regiment. Immediately on qualifying the new paratroopers left on ten-day leaves and furloughs.

Lieutenant Colonel Lindquist was promoted to colonel at the end of March.

On returning to Benning the regiment moved to Camp Mackall, North Carolina — at that time merely a name assigned to a few buildings and upturned soil between Pinehurst and Rockingham. Here the men got their first lesson in what was to become an old story — practically building their own quarters as well as living in them. Only, the army called it "beautification of the area".

Armed with an excellent knowledge of infantry basics when they left Blanding, the paratroopers now were to apply these principles in developing a smoothly functioning team. So the next six weeks were spent doing small-unit problems in the swamps and across the sands of Camp Mackall.

On the 21st of May the regiment entrucked for Cheraw, South Carolina, where they were to receive their first test, maneuvering as ground infantry against the 101st Airborne Division. While the maneuver was successful and brought commendations to the 508th, its best value was in teaching the Joes with the rifles on their shoulders how to fight the weather along with the enemy. It rained almost continually for a week, and the regiment moved about seven South Carolina miles every night — a South Carolina mile being equivalent to roughly two American miles. They call the results of these marches agressiveness, maneuverability, and celerity, but the only material gain that the men could see and feel were the blisters. Through the trial-and-error method most of the troopers learned to walk with the infantry slouch, and learned to rest in the peculiar half-sitting position that is unique among doughboys trying to sleep on a wet night in a hole full of water. On the return to camp everyone was dog-tired, but proud of their accomplishments.

June and July were spent in advanced tactical training, both ground and airborne, including efficiency tests, speed marches, and infiltration courses. Everyone had become foot-sore and mentally weary by the end of August, and the regimental commander ordered furloughs for all.

Immediately after the furlough period, riding in what seemed like the oldest day coaches in service, the 508th moved to Taylorsville, Tennessee, to participate in Second Army maneuvers. Working at first as ground troops, the troopers proved that the human foot, if used frequently for periods of great duration, can never replace the automobile, but can give it a good race. Again the talk about agressiveness; again the blisters under the great toe!

In preparation for a night jump on the 5th of October, a bivouac area was set up near Northern Field, bordering on Tullahoma. For a week plans and briefing were carried on, and after dark on the 5th planes were loaded. Because of an Air Corps misunderstanding the First Battalion was dropped over a wide area, but the rest of the outfit landed right on the DZ, and all missions were accomplished.

Another short period of maneuvers followed, and then Colonel Lindquist received orders to return the regiment to Mackall previous to overseas shipment. A three-day blanket pass followed the return to North Carolina. Since the regiment's first birthday, October 20th, was spent in Tennessee, Organization Day was celebrated on November 4th. A half-day holiday, a review for the CG of Airborne Command, and a USO show were enjoyed by all.

On the twentieth of December, Camp Shanks, N. Y., opened wide its gates to the Red Devils, and the final pre-shipping processing began. After passes to New York were given for two nights, the 508th was alerted on Christmas Day, and following a final physical, the "USAT James Parker" was loaded on the twenty-seventh. Early on the twenty-eighth The Lady with the Light faded from sight, and everyone aboard began drawing extra pay for foreign service.

Information as to when and where the "James Parker" would next make port remained a secret for many days, while all around an ever-increasing flotilla assembled until the sea was filled with ships as far as the eye could see. Life reverted to eating, sleeping, gambling, and running up and down into the hold and onto the deck during boat drill.

As the big city faded from sight, the swells grew bigger and bigger, and eating, for some, ceased to be an active function. At the end of the fourth day mal-de-mer was rampant, and the medics' constant reminder, "It's all in your mind!", brought temporary relief at best. When Lt. Brian N. Beaudin, one of the medical officers aboard, began to turn a light O. D. shade, this argument lost all value.

About the sixth day out life began to get rather stereotyped, and a new shipboard diversion was devised. To play the game the men were lined up in roster order with the medics at the head of the line, enormous hypodermics in their hands. At the starting signal the men would surge forward, and the medics would swing. The victims tried to rush through untouched while the pill-rollers tried to stick everyone before the supply of needles was expended in the arms of the pressing mob. The outcome was predetermined, and for days the wearing of the Geneva cross was a sure way to start a fight.

The 8th of January was the date of debarkation, and Belfast, Northern Ireland, was the place. Within twenty-four hours the newly arrived troopers had learned that Irish trains are doll-sized but fast, that Nissen huts are not like home, and that rain is commonplace in Ireland. On the asset side of the balance sheet, however, were the facts that Ireland is a beautiful, well-kept little country, and the people were taking the American invasion in stride, and enjoying it.

After two months of indoctrination, during which time nearly every foot of ground in County Antrim felt the measured tread of parachute boots, the 508th, attached to the 82d Airborne Division, moved by water to Scotland and by rail to the city of Nottingham, England.

The new camp, destined to be the base camp for two operations, met the approval of nearly everyone. Nottingham, population 250 000, was only a ten minute walk from the tent area. Working hard in preparation for D-Day, the paratroopers were pleased to find the English so receptive to American ways.

After two practise night jumps and innumerable problems, the division at last was set to play its part in the much-heralded invasion of Europe. On the twenty-eighth of May the Red Devils made a motor march to nearby airfields. Here the job of waiting, mingled with the performing of last minute checks, went on day and night.

For the initial taste of combat the battalions were commanded as follows: Lt. Col. Herbert F. Batcheller, First Battalion; Lt. Col. Thomas J. B. Shanley, Second Battalion; Lt. Col. Louis G. Mendez, Jr., Third Battalion.

On June 5th at 2230, as the airfields throughout England roared with the din of hundreds of idling motors, the troopers loaded up for their first combat jump. The change of station from England to France was rapid, taking only two hours, and was accompanied by confusion as the close-knit formations of C-47s were split by flak and clouds.

The history of the invading airborne troops from June 6th until June 11th is a collection of seemingly unconnected incidents, united only by their common purpose — to keep the enemy from reinforcing the troops defending the beach. Completely successful in this mission, the 508th Parachute Infantry received a Presidential Citation for gallantry on D-Day and D plus 1.

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REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

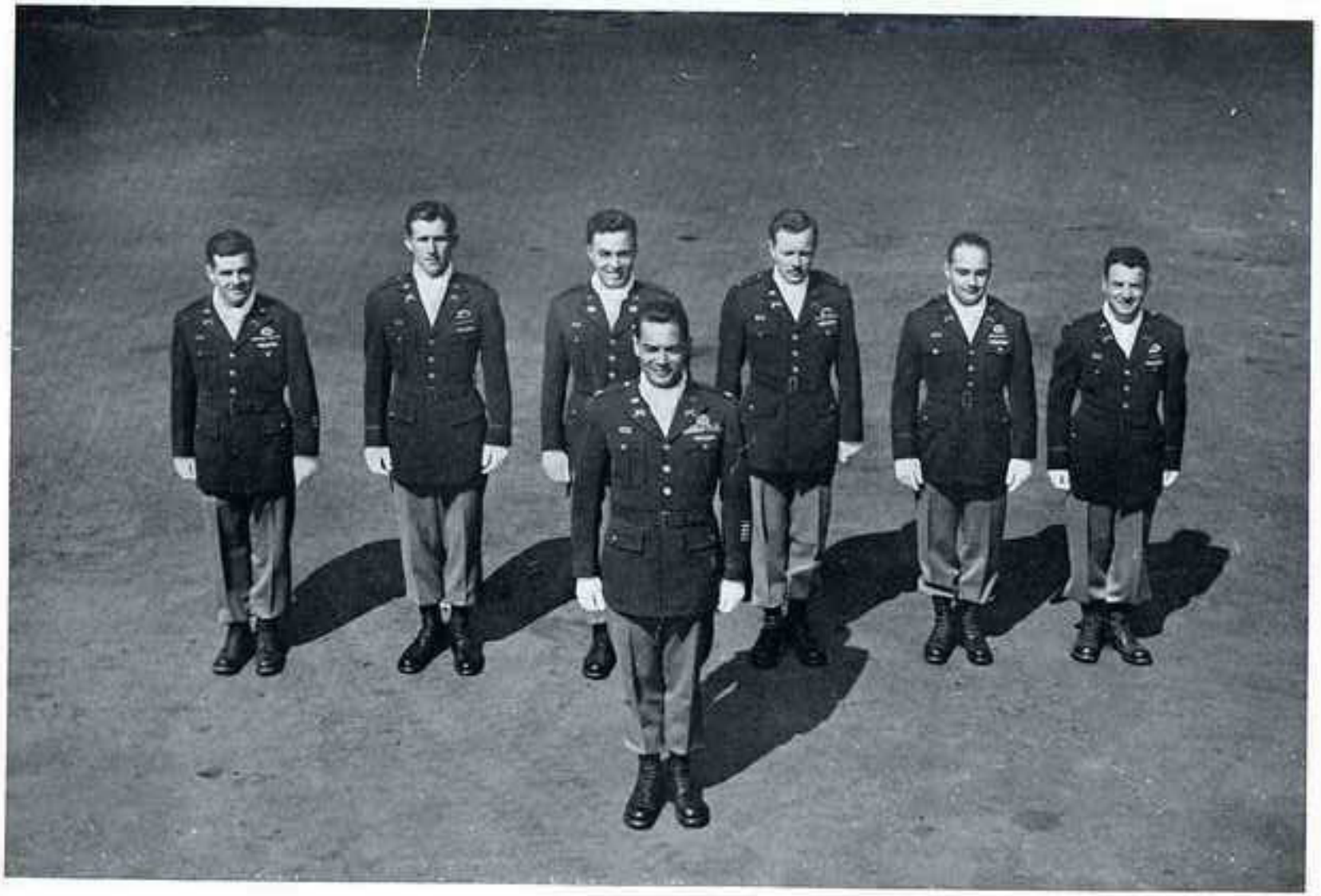
REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Lindquist, Roy E.	Colonel
Mendez, Louis G. Jr.	Lt. Col.
Albright, Barry E.	Capt.
Feuerhelm, Harold R.	Capt.
Dunne, Joseph A.	Capt.
Peterson, Everett L.	Capt.
Miller, George E.	Capt.
Silver, Walter H.	Maj.
Wakefield, Walter L.	Capt.
Fox, John H.	1st Lt.
Haughney, Charles R.	1st Lt.
Kuehn, Albert J.	1st Lt.
Sickler, Robert L.	1st Lt.
Milan, James	1st Lt.
Jones, Richard L.	1st Lt.
Beeman, Harris F.	2nd Lt.
Johnson, Robert L.	2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Albano, Ralph M.	Pfc
Anderson, Edward E.	T/4
Battle, John S.	Pfc
Beitzel, Glenn E.	S/Sgt
Bliss, Paul H.	Pfc
Blythe, William L. Jr.	Pfc
Boatwright, Pierce L.	Pfc
Borland, Milton O. Jr.	Pfc
Boroughs, Ralph Z.	Pfc
Brand, George W.	Pfc
Brighter, Frank M.	Pfc
Brooks, Howard W.	Sgt
Byers, Wilbur C.	Pfc
Camacho, Emanuel O. Jr.	T/4
Campbell, Clifford I.	T/4
Carson, Russell J.	T/5
Cehrobsk, Stanley A.	Cpl
Christiansen, Clarence L.	Cpl
Cole, Clifford W. Jr.	T/4
Connors, James T.	T/4
Conroy, Thomas J. Jr.	Pfc
Cook, Jack C.	Pfc
Crazzthunder, Nicholas J.	Cpl
Danek, Anthony F.	T/5
Day, John	Pfc
Dente, Joseph T.	Pfc
Donahue, Mathew C.	Sgt
Douglas, Charles E.	Pfc
Ellis, Eugene E.	Pfc
Ellis, Robert H.	Cpl
Evans, Harry L.	S/Sgt
Favela, Joseph L.	Pfc
Fritter, Richard J.	Pfc
Gedeika, Joseph A.	Cpl
Gibbons, George A.	Pfc
Goldner, Andrew E.	Pfc
Gonzales, Cirilio R.	Pfc
Graham, Ray H.	T/4
Gundlach, Robert C.	Pfc
Haas, Donald L.	Pfc
Hamm, Clarence J.	Pfc
Hants, William E.	Pfc
Hayes, William D.	S/Sgt
Hinura, Albert S.	Pfc
Hodges, Milton C.	Pfc
Holder, Richard P.	S/Sgt
Hundley, Robert G.	Pfc
Israel, Leon	Pfc
Jahnke, Frank J.	T/4
Jasper, William P.	Pfc
Johnson, Carl H. Jr.	T/5
Jordy, Roland J.	Pfc
Kaas, Stanley	Cpl
Kennedy, Harry J.	Pfc
Krohn, Herman C.	Sgt
Kumler, James R.	Pfc
Lander, Joel B.	Pfc
Lipp, Matthew E.	Pfc
Lomakin, Michael P.	Pfc
Luzzal, Edwin A.	T/5
Lundquist, Arnold	S/Sgt
MacLeod, Donald J.	T/5
Mann, Ralph H.	M/Sgt
Marsh, Marvin	Pfc
McCall, John G.	Pvt
McCracken, Vernel J.	T/4
McGuire, Virgil M.	Pfc
McKinnon, William J.	T/5
Meredith, William R.	Pfc
Merkel, John T.	T/5
Miller, Harold L.	Pfc
Millsap, Samuel E.	T/4
Murad, Antone	T/4
Natoli, Richard A.	Pfc
Neipori, Francis C.	Pfc
Nelson, Kenneth B.	Pvt
Newmark, Horton	T/5
Nichols, Ralph	Pfc
Nitschke, Frederick D.	Pvt
O'Connell, Raymond T.	Cpl
O'Connor, Lawrence J.	Pfc
Oros, John M.	T/4
Paradise, Charles W.	Pfc
Peterson, Robert W.	Cpl
Pleman, Thomas H. Jr.	Cpl
Poole, John W.	Pfc
Poteet, Floyd R.	Pfc
Poteet, John C.	Pfc
Prokes, Robert J.	Pfc
Rabinowitz, Frank	Pfc
Raines, George B.	Pvt
Rankin, James D.	Cpl
Raper, C. L.	Pfc
Rarkow, Stanley	Pfc
Richardson, Jack D.	Pvt
Robbins, Frederick W.	T/Sgt
Robinson, James J.	Pfc
Rowell, Clifford E.	T/5
Rundhang, Wallace R.	Pfc
Sakowski, Frank S.	Pfc
Saville, Robert T.	1st/Sgt
Shapiro, Sidney S.	Cpl
Schmelick, Stephen	T/4
Schussler, Nicholas	Pfc
Sellers, Henry G. Jr.	T/4
Slocum, Arthur G. Jr.	M/Sgt
Smith, Lyle E.	Pfc
Smith, Norman	Pfc
Smylie, James B.	M/Sgt
Still, Wilford A.	T/5
Thullbery, Howard A. Jr.	Pfc
Trist, William R.	Pfc
Turner, Louie H.	Pfc
Tylka, Albert J.	Pfc
Wandell, Charles M.	T/4
Ward, Robert D.	Pfc
Watkins, James H. Jr.	Pfc
Wedler, Richard C.	Pfc
Wills, John H.	S/Sgt
Wood, Matrons J.	Pfc
Wright, Lawrence L.	Pfc
Zawadski, Joseph G.	Pfc



FIRST BATTALION STAFF, 508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Lt. Col. Shields Warren, Jr., Commanding

Col. Shanley, commanding a composite group on Hill 30, west of Ste. Mere Eglise, held the only bridgehead over the Merderet River against overwhelming odds. Capt. Jonathan E. Adams, commanding A Company, had a First Battalion group south of Col. Shanley's position. Colonel Lindquist grouped all 508 men east of the Merderet at Chef du Pont, and led them across the river to consolidate Col. Shanley's position. These three groups composed roughly one-half of the Red Devils, the rest fighting singly or in small groups. Lt. Malcolm D. Brannen of the Third Battalion killed Major General Falley, CG of one the coastal divisions, early D-Day morning.

On the night of June 12th, Lt. Hoyt T. Goodale led Company F across the Douve river at Beuzeville-la-Bastille after a preliminary barrage by the 82d Division Artillery. The rest of the regiment followed in column, each battalion peeling off on a different mission south of the river. At this time the troopers gained the highest respect for the 307th Airborne Engineers, for while the infantry double-timed across the newly constructed bridge, the engineers stood waist-deep in water and absorbed all the lead Jerry could throw at them.

Moving south from the bridge, First Battalion went to the regimental reserve area at Coigny, while the Third Battalion established an island defense about three miles south of the Douve. The Second Battalion moved up on the left with the town of Baupte as their objective. A causeway at Baupte over a tributary of the Douve connected the 508th area with the 101st Airborne Division's bridgehead south of the river.

After an all day's fight, Baupte was taken, great quantities of materiel, including some 50 vehicles, were captured, and the 101st was contacted near the causeway. The bridgehead south of the Douve was now of sufficient size to be a constant threat to the enemy as a jumping off spot for a large-scale attack.

Two days later, on the 15th of June, after the regimental area had been cleared, the 507th Parachute Infantry relieved the regiment, and while the Third Battalion moved to a defensive position near St. Sauveur le Vicomte on the division's right flank, the rest of the outfit moved first to division reserve northwest of Etienville and then to defensive positions south and southwest of St. Sauveur.

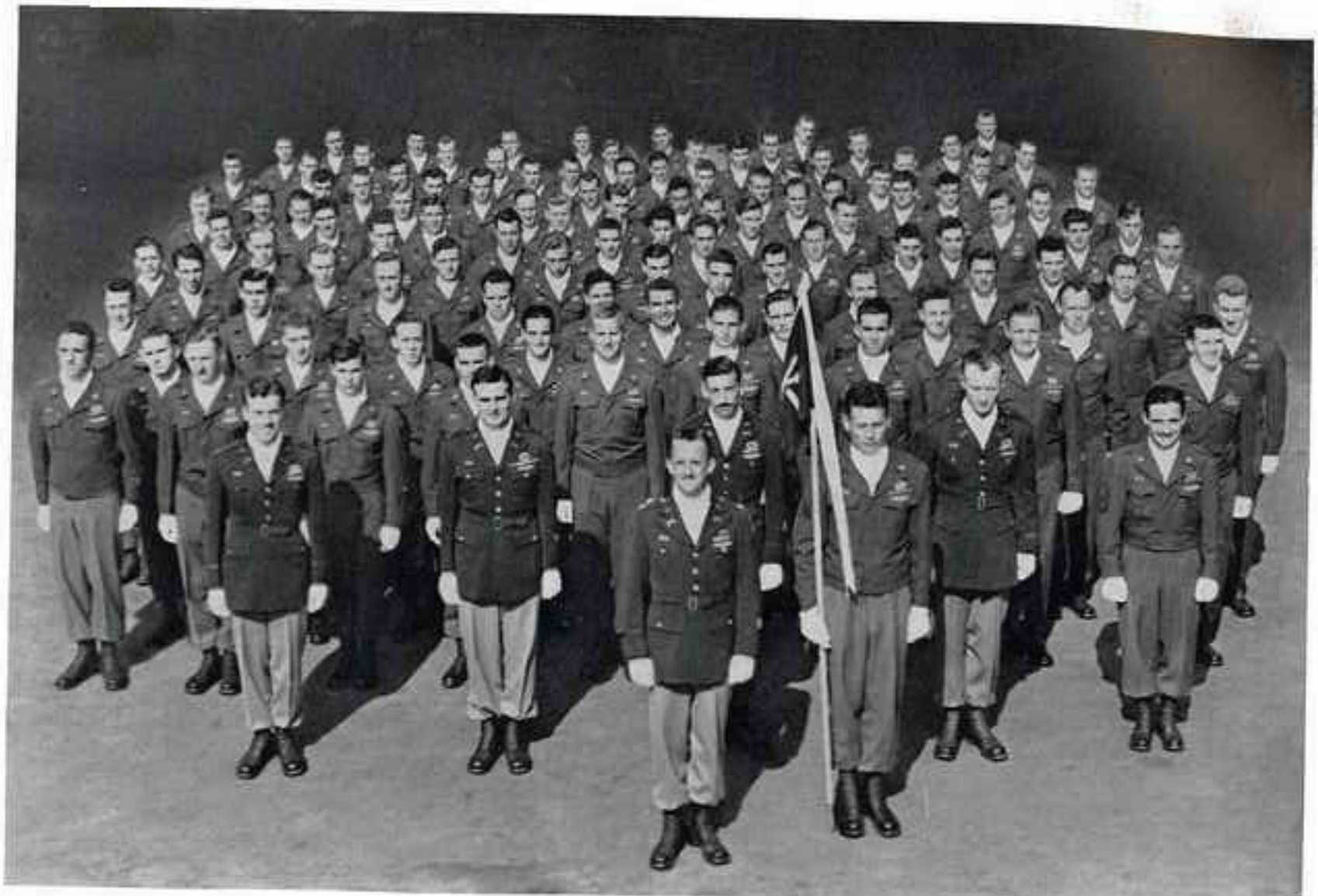
At this time the Allied plan was to sweep west, cutting a swath completely across the peninsula. As soon as Cherbourg was thus isolated, troops would move north to clear the port. Only after the peninsula had been cleared would a big drive to the south start. The 82d was assigned the mission of holding positions to the south until this drive began.

As troops of the 357th Infantry passed through the regiment on the drive to the west, the Third Battalion was alerted to move South of the Douve River again to broaden the bridgehead. Crossing the river in assault boats on the 19th of June, the battalion advanced southward without resistance until an enemy observer in the church steeple at Vindefontaine directed mortar fire on the column. Pushing on after sustaining several casualties, the battalion prepared to attack the town of Pretot the next morning.

When H Company, leading the Third Battalion in this attack, was pinned down by fire, Capt. Hillman C. Dress, commanding the company, exposed himself to enemy fire to get his men moving. Col. Mendez meanwhile worked his way to the foremost elements of his command, stood up and spurred the men onward by personally leading the attack. His actions at this time earned Col. Mendez the Distinguished Service Cross.

By now most of the Cotentin Peninsula had been cleared, and a big drive to the south was at last imminent. General Patton's Third Army was pouring ashore, ready to exploit a breakthrough. A series of hills and ridges at the base of the peninsula were affording the enemy natural defenses and excellent observation. Before a breakthrough could be negotiated, the Americans would have to hold this high ground.

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, FIRST BATTALION

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FIRST BATTALION
508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Boyd, William E.	Capt.	Young, W. B.	1st Lt.
Jones, Homer H.	1st Lt.	Shields, Rob. D.	2nd Lt.
Stoeckert, G. T.	1st Lt.	Sovitz, John	2nd Lt.
Lutz, Darrell W.	1st Lt.	VanInwyke, S.	2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Ackerman, Carl D.	Pvt	DeLoach, Fred	Pvt	Larson, Donald W.	Pfc	Quinn, William M.	Pvt
Amos, Robert F.	Pfc	Dutzy, Albert L.	Pfc	LeJeune, Wilson J.	Pfc	Reynolds, Charl. P.	T/4
Andrew, Joe C.	Pfc			Liner, Boyce L.	Pfc	Robinson, Philip P.	Pvt
Auger, John W.	S/Sgt	Elliott, Thayer W.	Pfc	Lowder, Clifton A.	S/Sgt	Rowland, Don. E.	Pfc
		Ent, Millard J. Jr.	T/5	Luhrman, Henry	T/5		
Baggett, George C.	T/4	Erickson, Erick B.	Pfc	Luperchio, G. A.	Pfc	Schafford, Carlt. F.	S/Sgt
Barber, Jam. H. Jr.	T/4	Esposito, Joseph J.	T/5			Shamberger, John	Pvt
Barkley, J. T.	Pfc			McGaha, Avery	Pfc	Shell, Allan D.	Pfc
Barrett, Richard P.	Pfc	Fairbanks, Delb. E.	Pvt	McLeod, Robert B.	Pfc	Sherbak, Paul G.	Pfc
Batteit, Wm. C.	Pvt	Ferguson, Melv. P.	T/4	McMahon, James J.	T/4	Simons, Alex. J.	Pfc
Beddow, Charles	Pvt	Fitzpatrick, L. G.	S/Sgt	Machon, Roberto F.	Pfc	Sloan, Paul, J.	Pvt
Beets, Melvin H.	Pfc	Forrest, John R.	Pvt	Magrane, Harry A.	Pfc	Smith, James H.	T/4
Bennet, Robert J.	T/Sgt	Foss, Robert A.	Pvt	Malone, Don. W.	Pvt	Stafford, Richard	Pfc
Berryhill, Charl. W.	Pfc	Foster, Arnold C.	S/Sgt	Manack, Anthony J.	Pfc		
Bettelli, Aldo	T/Sgt	Freeman, James W.	Pfc	Matthews, Charl. A.	Pfc	Tallent, Roy L.	Pfc
Bishop, Joseph	Pfc	Fridkel, William	Cpl	Menchaca, Jesse L.	Pfc	Thatcher, V. A.	S/Sgt
Blankenship, J. A.	Cpl			Merritt, Kenn. J.	S/Sgt	Trent, Leland J.	Pvt
Bonnet, Jerome J.	Pfc	Gaddy, James L.	Sgt	Metcalf, H. N.	T/4	Trippeer, Gge. J.	Pvt
Booth, Ralph V.	Sgt	Gallihet, Isaac F.	Pfc	Michel, Ernest J.	S/Sgt	Tylicki, Stanley, W.	T/5
Borrecoff, Franc. J.	Pvt	Gerdom, George R.	Pfc	Mieko, Joseph M.	Pfc	Turley, Charles D.	Pfc
Brock, Richard S.	Sgt	Gilson, Donald F.	Pvt	Miller, James L.	Pfc	Turner, James J.	Pfc
Brown, Robert L.	Pfc	Good, Warren A.	Cpl	Moore, Robert F.	Pfc		
Brown, Warren R.	S/Sgt			Moroney, James C.	Pfc	Vancoute, Lam. R.	S/Sgt
Brown, William H.	Pfc	Hall, Wilbur C.	S/Sgt	Morrill, Vernon P.	Pfc	Verniest, Julius	Pfc
Brown, William P.	Pvt	Head, Curtis D.	Pfc	Munkacsy, John E.	Pfc	Viereg, Robert S.	Pvt
Burke, William M.	Pfc	Hill, Owen B.	Pfc	Murphy, John E.	Pfc		
		Hilliard, Peter R.	Pfc	Murray, Grady C.	Pvt	Wahto, Douglas T.	Sgt
Campbell, Maur. E.	Pvt	Holencik, John F.	Pfc	Myers, John M.	Cpl	Wargo, Michael	Pfc
Cannon, Otho L.	Pfc	Holmes, Aust. R.	Pfc			Warrell, Jack L.	Pfc
Carroll, Glendt. D.	Sgt	Hooper, James M.	Pfc	Nicholes, Ralph W.	Pfc	Warren, Raym. A.	Pvt
Chandler, W. F.	Sgt	Howard, James B.	Pvt			West, Charlie J.	Pvt
Chrisman, Alb. W.	Sgt	Humphrey, John L.	Pfc	Odis, Chas. W.	Pvt	White, Loren J.	Pfc
Comer, James D.	Pfc			Orlowski, Rob. B.	Pfc	Whitney, Wilf. L.	Pvt
Conlon, Raym. R.	Cpl	Johnson, Allen D.	T/Sgt	Owens, Herman V.	Pfc	Wilkinson, Gord.	S/Sgt
Corbin, John B.	Pfc	Johnson, Gord. C.	Pvt			Williams, Chest. M.	S/Sgt
Cordial, Raym. W.	Cpl	Jones, David M.	Pvt	Paine, John Jr.	Pvt	Williams, H. B. Jr.	Pvt
Cowger, Donald J.	T/4	Jones, James L.	Pvt	Palmer, John A.	Pvt	Willems, Ernest R.	Pvt
Crawford, R. L. Jr.	Sgt	Jones, John K.	Pfc	Palmer, Lawr. E.	S/Sgt	Woehrmann, Fred	Cpl
Crippen, Paul R.	Pfc			Paterucki, Raymond	S/Sgt	Wooten, Elm. S. Jr.	Pfc
Crossman, Jess	Cpl	Kaiser, Herman E.	Pfc	Penyn, Robert G.	Pvt	Wright, Charl. T.	Sgt
Crommiller, W. D.	Pvt	Kelly, David D.	Pfc	Perce, Frank J.	Pvt	Wynne, James T.	Sgt
Cuddeback, K. R.	Pfc	Kennedy, Raymond	Pvt	Pierce, Charles C.	Pfc		
Cushing, Jerem. M.	Pfc	Kinzie, Albert J.	Pvt	Pizula, George	Pfc	Yoder, Arden E.	Pvt
		Klitz, Harold K.	T/5	Pollock, D. W.	Cpl	Young, Thomas C.	Pvt
Davis, Darrell T.	T/4	Knudsen, Don. N.	Pfc	Preston, Dougl. M.	Pfc	Yott, Eugene C.	Pfc
DeCarvalho, G. H.	S/Sgt	Koziol, Adam M.	T/Sgt	Purdin, Leo B.	Pfc		
		Lamb, Durard	Pfc			Zeller, Clarence	Pvt



COMPANY "A"

COMPANY "A" 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Foley, John P. Capt.

Combr, Rex C. 1st Lt.
Gregory, John E. 1st Lt.
Pollock, John M. 1st Lt.
Wahto, Gord. W. 2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Albright, Rich. D. Pfc
Alvarez, Antonio Pfc
Anto, Leo Pfc
Antoine, Albert J. Pfc
Austin, Joe E. Pfc

Bailey, Jack M. S/Sgt
Baker, Harry P. Pvt
Balek, Joseph J. Pfc
Barber, Sebast. J. Pvt
Bellus, Alfred R. Pvt
Betz, Frank R. Jr. T/5
Blue, James R. S/Sgt
Boelter, James N. Pvt
Boone, Joe H. S/Sgt
Boudreaux, E. W. Pvt
Brickley, John E. Sgt
Bridges, Murphy B. S/Sgt
Bright, James S. Pfc
Bumgarner, Jos. A. Pfc
Burgjohann, A. R. Pvt
Burns, John E. Pvt

Caballero, Arm. C. Pvt
Campbell, J. F. Sr. Pfc
Campbell, Wayne F. Pfc
Cannon, A. B. (Jo) Pvt
Cappola, Joseph V. Pfc
Carothers, Mesl. R. Pfc
Casmer, Andr. J. Jr. Pfc
Celardo, Mario A. Sgt
Chance, Russell O. Pfc
Clary, Kenneth C. Pvt
Compton, Odie L. Sgt
Conti, Angelo L. Pfc
Coppersmith, J. B. Pfc
Corcoran, Thom. J. Pfc
Couch, Charles E. Pfc
Cowser, Olin U. Pfc
Crossemeyer, H. H. Pvt
Cullins, Gilbert E. Pfc
Curran, James C. Pfc

Davis, William H. Pfc
Day, Channing M. Pfc
DeMario, John J. Pfc
Demitralis, Sp. A. Pvt
Didieu, Ben J. Pfc
Dubyak, Michael Cpl
Dyer, Gordon S. Pfc

Eldridge, James W. Pfc

Fahringer, Gge. D. Pfc
Ferreira, Manuel F. Pfc
Ferrone, Denis D. S/Sgt
Fields, Eugene T/5
Fry, James K. Pfc

Gabris, Thomas Pfc
Garcia, Ralph T. Sgt
Garcia, Salv. C. Pfc
Garlette, W. D. Pfc
Geram, Tony Pfc
Gerigery, W. J. Pfc
Guaschino, John L. Pfc

Hagmer, Dail M. Pfc
Halas, Edward A. Pvt
Hamilton, Gge. W. Pfc
Hankin, Thomas E. Pfc
Hannum, Bern. F. Pfc
Hartline, Alfred E. Pfc
Haskett, Paul A. Pfc
Herbst, Donald M. Pfc
Hicks, Roland B. Sgt
Holdford, Alb. W. T/5
Hopper, Chasl. H. Pvt
Howard, John E. Pfc
Hudgins, Don L. Pvt
Hudkins, Rich. M. Pvt
Hughes, George J. T/5
Hunt, Richard L. S/Sgt

Jaccard, Kenn. V. T/5
Jackson, James E. Sgt
Jessmer, Lawr. A. Pvt
Johnston, Don. M. Pfc
Jones, William M. S/Sgt
Jump, Richard C. Pfc

Keeler, Richard W. Pfc
Klein, John J. Pfc
Klindt, Vernon E. Pfc
Kmyta, Steve P. Pfc
Koblisek, Paul F. Pvt

Lapio, George Pfc
LeClerc, Joseph L. Pfc
Ledesma, Rigoberto Pfc
Leight, Walter W. Pfc
Lester, Lloyd A. Pfc
Lewis, Harry R. Pvt
Lorfing, Lawr. E. Pvt

Mancus, Irvin K. S/Sgt
Magsamen, Vice T. Pfc
Marrucci, Anth. D. Pfc
May, Jacob F. Pvt
McCann, Joseph R. Pfc
McHale, Edward M. Pfc
McIntyre, Clyde E. Pfc
McMillan, Eug. A. S/Sgt
Medina, Israel Pfc
Mendora, Jose L. Pfc
Merritt, Charles W. Pfc
Miceli, Chasl. T. Pvt
Miller, Bernard Pvt
Miller, Ralph U. Jr. Pfc
Mincer, R. W. Jr. Pvt
Minnick, Jimmie S. Pfc
Mishler, Charles F. Pfc
Misslitz, Don. C. Pfc
Mocniak, Albert Pfc
Montoya, Marg. C. Pfc
Moore, Kenneth R. Pfc
Myers, Maurice E. Pfc

Names, A. A. Jr. Pfc
Nelson, Robert L. Pfc
Newell, James M. Pfc

Ojendyk, Rob. T. Pfc
Ortega, John Pvt
Osborne, Hubert A. Pfc

Paar, Harold A. S/Sgt
Palmer, Lyndall L. Sgt
Parcell, Chester W. Pfc
Patchak, George H. Pfc
Pederson, Leland C. Pfc
Perez, Charles W. Pfc
Perry, Raymond J. Pfc
Pesante, Carm. D. Pfc
Peters, Lyell C. Pfc
Poole, John A. Sr. Pfc
Preston, Bruno S. S/Sgt
Przewoznik, Chest. Pfc

Raynard, John C. Pfc
Richards, Rob. L. 1st Sgt
Roberts, Herbert D. Pfc
Robledo, Rom. S. Pfc

Saffles, Richard B. Pvt
Sager, Francis M. Pvt
Salvatore, Alb. L. Pfc
Schoonover, M. L. Pfc
Shultz, John T/4
Smith, Jimmie Pvt
Solomon, Robert Pfc
Steinke, Earl H. T/4
Stokes, Robert R. Pvt
Swanson, G. R. Pvt
Sylvester, E. B. Jr. Sgt

Tomarki, Stephen J. Sgt
Turner, William P. Pfc

Upton, L. J. (Jo) Pvt

Waigand, Eug. R. Pfc
Walton, Jack W. Pfc
Welch, Irvin H. Pfc
Wheeler, Gord. E. Pfc
Whiting, Marion F. T/Sgt
Williamson, Z. O. Pfc
Willingham, Rob. J. Pfc
Wilson, George B. Pfc
Winter, Donald E. Pfc
Wodowski, Edw. J. S/Sgt
Wolverton, D. H. Pfc

Yates, Dillard Pvt
Yates, Fred E. Pfc

Zempel, Richard J. Pfc



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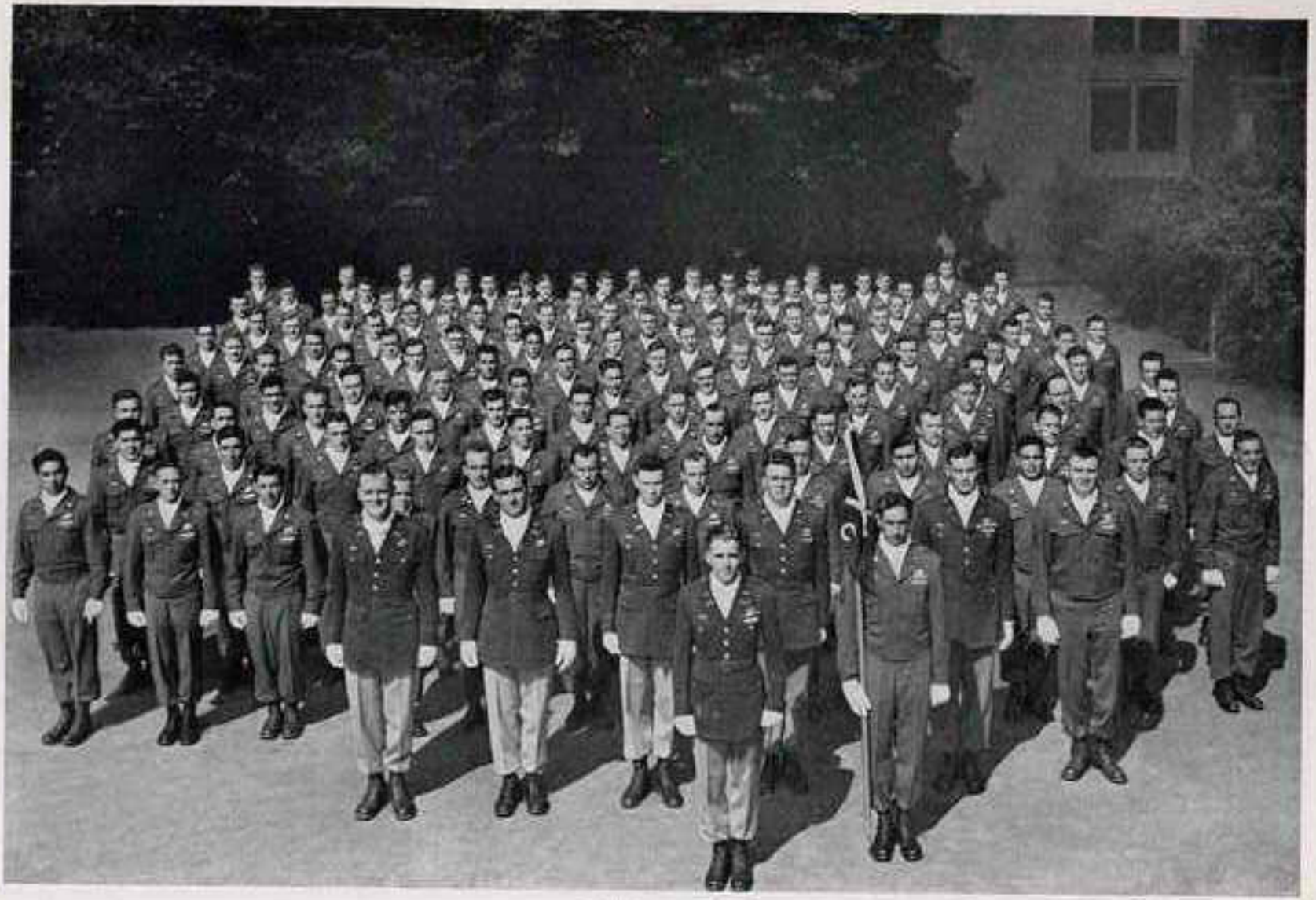
COMPANY "B" 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Millsaps, W. W.	Capt.	Hoffmann, H.	1st Lt.
Frigo, Lionel O.	1st Lt.	McInerney, W. J.	1st Lt.
Gleim, Edward	1st Lt.	Mulligan, J. J.	2nd Lt.
Hojnski, Frank S.	1st Lt.	Sivetz, John	2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Alkire, Robert	Pfc	Evanaga, John	Pvt	LaMar, John F.	Pvt	Reed, Luther	Pfc
Allardyce, James	Pfc	Fasoli, Vincent M.	Pvt	Laney, James W.	Pvt	Reynolds, Wendell	Pfc
Anderson, Aldine	Pfc	Foley, John F.	Pvt	LeBleu, Roel E.	Pfc	Reeves, Edward J.	Pvt
Andersen, Henry L.	Pfc	Ford, Vernon C.	Pfc	Lonadier, Eddie E.	Pfc	Reinhardt, D. D.	Pvt
Aronis, John N.	Pfc	Foust, Thomas F.	Pvt	Loflin, Forrest L.	Pfc	Richards, Adam	Pfc
Atwood, Paul B.	S/Sgt	Fradker, Milton R.	Pvt	Lucas, Eugene A.	Pfc	Rigmaiden, Jam. S.	Pvt
Austin, Harry C.	S/Sgt	Fujisaki, Paul F.	Pvt	Lukas, Melvin	Pvt	Riley, Leland	Pfc
				Lipeles, Morris	Pfc	Rollins, Charles F.	S/Sgt
Ball, Herb. L. Jr.	Pvt	Gaillaguet, R. L.	Pvt	Lira, Manuel L.	Pfc	Rosa, Merrill Jr.	Pvt
Banks, George F.	Pfc	Gaskins, Ruben E.	Pvt	Lunger, Gerald J.	S/Sgt	Rudisill, Hugh K.	Pfc
Barrett, Walter H.	S/Sgt	Gentry, Jack E.	Pvt			Rodriques, John Jr.	Pvt
Bennett, Ralph L.	Pfc	Godin, William H.	Pvt	Mackey, Milton E.	Cpl	Rengert, Richard D.	Pvt
Bianco, Anthony	Pfc	Green, Herbert C.	Pfc	Maier, John E.	Pfc		
Blackmon, Jasper F.	Pfc	Green, Jim F.	Pfc	Malek, Harry P.	Pvt	Salyer, Hersel	Sgt
Boccafogli, E. C.	S/Sgt	Guiliani, Charles A.	Pfc	Mangus, James W.	Pfc	Schallerman, Rob.	Pvt
Bohannon, R. B.	Pfc	Gustafson, Rob. E.	Pfc	Marzullo, Albert S.	Pfc	Scott, Edward R.	Pvt
Bolen, E. J. Jr.	Pvt			Mauck, Robert L.	Pfc	Serowski, Edw. C.	Pvt
Bole, Jules, A.	Pfc	Hasker, Raym. W.	Cpl	McAtee, K. R.	Pvt	Smith, Daniel E.	Pvt
Bowman, Rud. F.	Pfc	Haden, Adrian G.	Pvt	McDonald, M. R.	Pvt	Smith, James W.	1st/Sgt
Bridges, Carl I.	Pfc	Harlan, Lee B.	Pvt	McDonald, Neal A.	Pfc	Smith, Jessie B.	Pvt
Bruce, Everett J.	Pvt	Hartness, John L.	Pvt	McMasters, C. D.	Pvt	Smith, Lester J.	Pfc
Brown, Charles W.	Pvt	Henderson, Billy R.	Pvt	McMullen, G. C.	Pvt	Smith-West	Pvt
Brown, Roy E.	Cpl	Hernandez, F. R.	T/Sgt	McCool, Larry S.	Pfc	Snowden, Ivan T.	Pvt
Burkle, Fredrick L.	Pfc	Hodge, Jim H.	Pvt	McClusky, Rich. J.	Pvt	Sopka, Alexander	Pfc
Burt, Robert E.	Cpl	Hoffman, George J.	Pfc	McDonald, Theod.	Pfc	Spaulding, John R.	Pfc
Burton, John M.	Pfc	Hoffman, Jarvis H.	Pfc	Meeks, Avery R.	Pvt	Specogna, Louis Jr.	Pvt
Bywaters, James F.	Pfc	Horacek, Theod. C.	Pvt	Mills, Robert K.	S/Sgt	Spencer, Harry P.	Pfc
		Houglan, Norm. C.	Pfc	Minshew, H. M. Jr.	Pvt	Steffen, Wallace C.	Pfc
Casey, Michael J.	Pfc	Howe, Robert W.	Pfc	Moline, Clyde W.	T/Sgt	Stensrud, Russell S.	Pfc
Cavalcante, Vito	Pfc	Hunn, Thomas L.	Pfc	Montgomery, H. E.	Pvt	Stewart, Virgil W.	Pvt
Cipriano, Joseph	Pfc			Moss, Arthur G.	Pfc	Summerlin, Clar. E.	Pfc
Clark, Melvin E.	Pfc	Jackson, William R.	Pfc	Mroczka, Henry W.	Pfc	Sutherland, El. G.	Pfc
Collier, J. D.	Pvt	Jahnke, Daniel K.	Pfc	Murray, Charlie K.	Pfc	Suits, Joseph E.	S/Sgt
Conover, Dayton E.	Pvt	Jeske, Herbert A.	Pvt				
Cottrell, Gilb. H.	S/Sgt	Johnson, Kermit W.	Pfc	Naro, James S.	Pfc	Thomas, Lawr. V.	Pfc
Critcher, James W.	Pfc	Jordon, Forest D.	Pvt	Naylor, Fred C.	Pfc	Thornton, R. E.	Pvt
Crook, Albert V.	Pvt	Kabat, Robert E.	Cpl	Nemec, Arthur W.	Pfc	Tottle, Edward	Pfc
Crowell, James H.	Pfc	Kessell, George P.	Pvt	Niklauski, Mich. S.	Pfc	Tracey, James A.	T/5
Cundy, Richard T.	Pvt	King, Donald L.	Sgt			Trippe, Walter G.	Pfc
		Klinefelter, Philip	T/Sgt	O'Hair, Jonathan	Pfc	Tyndall, Monroe	T/5
Day, Robert B.	Pfc	Konstantine, C. A.	Pfc	Ostrega, Henry	S/Sgt		
Davis, Allen L.	Pfc	Kowalski, Steve J.	Pfc			Vento, Joseph P.	Pfc
Dean, William A.	T/5	Kremitski, Henry	Pfc	Paganelli, Frank L.	Pfc		
Dickinson, Don. F.	Pvt	Kolczyk, Stanis.	Pvt	Payton, Robert	Pfc	Warner, Harry W.	Pfc
Donaldson, K. F.	Pvt	Kucharski, Jos. L.	Pvt	Perez, Raul T.	Pvt	Whipple, Leslie L.	Pfc
Doucet, Earl J.	Pfc	Kuehnle, G. W.	Pvt	Pierce, Robert J.	Pfc	Wilson, Raym. G.	Cpl
Duweglow, Walter	Pfc	Kurz, James Q.	Sgt	Pietrowski, Edw. J.	Pfc	Wyner, Clarence	Sgt
				Pollock, Dale E.	Pfc		
Elliott, Carroll	Pfc	LaFlam, George L.	Pfc	Prather, Bob	Pfc	Yarbrough, Roy	Pfc
Ellis, George J.	Pvt	Langham, Alex D.	Pfc	Prewitt, Cliff. C.	Pfc		
				Priwer, Paul O.	Pvt	Zoller, Jack R.	S/Sgt



COMPANY "C"

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OFFICERS

Dietrich, Jam. C., Capt

Hager, Ernest J. 1st Lt.
Hamblin, P. W. 1st Lt.
Harsh, Keith R. 1st Lt.
Kampe, Raym. L. 1st Lt.
Weaver, Rob. J. 1st Lt.
Walsh, Jam. A. 1st Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Allendder, R. P. Pfc
Allison, Rich. L. S/Sgt
Anderson, N. E. Pfc
Anderson, Vern V. Pfc
Andreason, Amos Sgt
Apicello, Louis R. Sgt
Arthur, Mertel E. Pfc
Ayers, John A. Pfc

Baar, Robert J. Cpl
Badgett, Raym. L. Pfc
Barbieri, Sylv. F. Pfc
Barth, Albert W. Pfc
Baughman, W. K. Pfc
Bentley, Lamy E. Pfc
Behlan, Harry F. Pvt
Bennett, John G. Pfc
Bitner, Clyde E. Pfc
Blair, Harold R. Pfc
Blair, Thomas C. S/Sgt
Boaz, W. A. Jr. Pfc
Bolender, Rich. T. Pfc
Boler, Isaac N. S/Sgt
Bolick, Joseph C. Pfc
Boor, Carl M. Pfc
Brennen, Glenn H. Pfc
Brooks, Henry S/Sgt
Brooks, R. M. Sr. Pfc
Brown, Fredrick A. Pfc
Burnham, Charl. J. T/Sgt

Carson, Earl L. Sgt
Callick, William Sgt
Cleveland, Lawr. L. Pfc
Collier, William L. Pfc
Collins, William B. Pfc
Cooper, Eli Pfc
Costopoulos, G. Pfc
Cowles, Gerald D. Pfc
Cox, Grover H. Pfc
Crawford, Cliff. R. Pfc
Crocker, Joseph C. Pfc
Crow, Carl C. S/Sgt
Curry, Troy L. Pfc

Dalton, Raym. A. Pfc
Dalton, Terry B. Pfc
Dillard, Dough. C. T/Sgt
Dillon, Daniel L. Pfc
Duarte, John G. Pfc
Dufault, Alfred J. Pfc
Durfee, Wayne E. T/4

Estlet, John D. S/Sgt
Epps, Hiram T. Pfc
Estes, Fred E. Pfc

Farrell, Joseph N. Pvt
Ferreira, Antone Pfc
Fleming, Joseph H. Pfc
Forde, Donald C. Pfc

Garcia, Alex. D. Pfc
Gardner, Darrell L. Pfc
Garish, Frank J. Jr. Pfc
Geddes, Eugene D. Pfc
Giese, Robert A. Pfc
Gilstead, Lyle O. Pfc
Giordano, Frank A. Pfc
Glass, George D. Sgt
Goode, Obe B. Pfc
Graf, Fredrick J. Pfc
Graves, William L. Pfc
Greene, Harold L. Pfc
Greenstrand, E. H. Pfc
Grow, Thom. M. Jr. Pfc

Hansen, Frank H. Pfc
Hardie, John S/Sgt
Hart, Wayne C. S/Sgt
Haveland, John P. Pfc
Henry, James B. Jr. Pfc
Henry, Warren G. S/Sgt
Hopp, Robert W. Pfc

Ihde, Robert L. T/4
Ikeway, Fredr. H. Pfc

Kestler, Ernest H. Sgt
Kimmel, Richard F. Pfc
Knowles, A. W. Jr. Pfc
Koblak, William J. Pfc
Kreppa, Jos. L. Jr. Pfc
Kurtz, Albert A. Sgt

La Sasso, Richard Pvt
Latson, John H. Jr. S/Sgt
Lawson, Dee C. Pfc
Leveillee, Lucien H. Pfc
Little, Arthur J. Pfc
Long, Earl J. Pvt
Loughorn, Carl P. Pfc
Lopez, Joe R. Pfc
Lowery, Kenneth L. Sgt
Lukehart, Rob. L. Pfc
Lynn, William W. Pfc

Macintyre, Verl. R. Pfc
Mackey, Johnn C. Pfc
Madura, Clem. C. Pfc
Mahan, Gordon L. Pfc
Marasco, John A. T/4
Marra, Samuel Pfc
Marriner, Felix N. T/Sgt
Matheny, James T. Pfc
Mavracik, Mike E. Pfc
McClothin, O. B. Pfc
McInnis, John W. Pfc
Mead, Ray E. Jr. Pfc
Meadows, Guy L. Pfc
Mendoza, R. A. Jr. Sgt
Meredith, Robert Pfc
Miller, Albert W. Pfc
Miller, Clare B. Pfc
Milligan, Thomas Pfc
Milliken, Russell F. Pfc
Mills, Eugene A. T/4
Molthan, Mich. A. T/4
Moore, Cov L. Pfc
Moore, Elijah D. Pfc
Moorhouse, Earl A. Pfc
Morrison, Rob. R. Pfc
Moses, Judi E. Jr. S/Sgt
Muchamki, Jos. E. Pfc
Muhme, H. G. P. S/Sgt

Olenick, Mich. J. Jr. Pfc

Pagnotta, Carm. J. Pvt
Porcelli, Ralph D. Pfc
Porter, Wallace Pfc
Prall, Wellington I. Pfc

Ragan, Billy D. Pfc
Reynolds, Ernest S. Pfc
Rice, Gail L. Pfc
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Rondeau, Gerard R. Pfc
Rosella, Angelo Pfc
Rowe, Shulford C. 1st Sgt

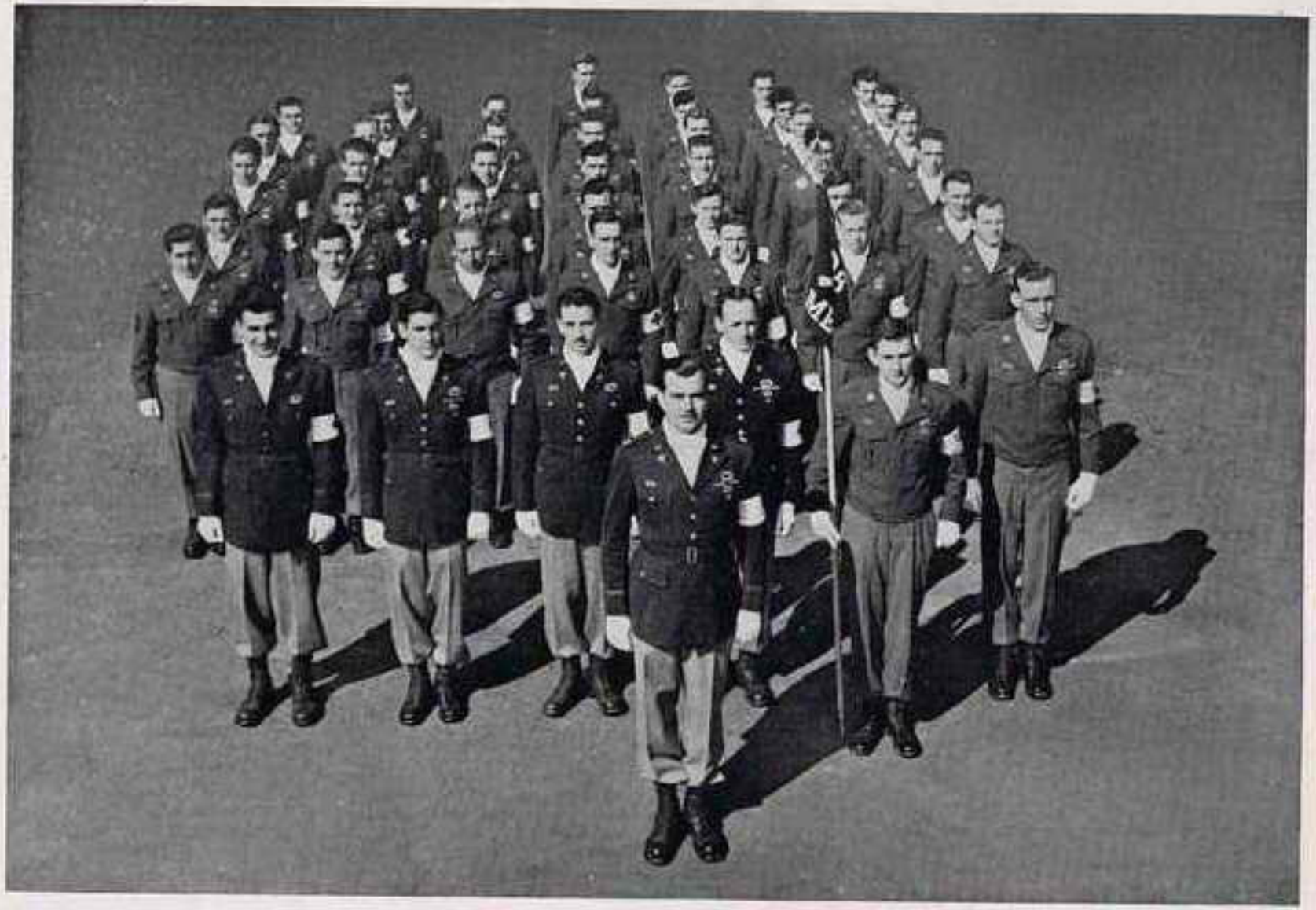
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Searle, Gale E. Pfc
Shirel, Stanley M. Sgt
Shelton, Elvie C. Pvt
Shelton, James B. Pfc
Shull, Stanley L. Pfc
Smith, Charles L. Pfc
Smith, Phillip A. Pfc
Smith, Vearle E. Pfc
Stacy, Harold J. Pfc
Stanchina, Albin A. Pfc
Stark, Erwin E. T/4
Stewart, A. T. Pfc
Struble, Herbert E. Pfc
Street, Harry T. S/Sgt
Struth, Andrew C. Pfc
Stuckey, John F. Pfc
Stutler, Wilburn L. S/Sgt
Sutter, Marvin D. Pfc
Sulzbach, Rich. H. Pfc
Szewczyk, Edw. J. Pfc

Terry, Ivan W. T/4
Thomas, Wesley S. Pfc
Thompson, A. J. Jr. Sgt
Thompson, B. A. Pfc
Tompkins, D. G. Pfc
Tomlin, Grayson E. Pfc
Trojan, Frank J. Pfc
Turner, John P. Sgt

Vaquera, Ysidro Pfc
Von Lossenberger, Donald T. Pfc

Walsh, Roland G. Pfc
Watts, George W. Pfc
Webb, Ammanuel Pfc
Webber, Leo A. Pfc
Wenger, Earl E. Pfc
Westcott, Kens. E. Pfc
Whittington, H. T. Pfc
Wolfgram, Edw. E. Pfc
Workman, Rob. I. Pfc
Wright, Charles L. S/Sgt
Wyss, Siegfried J. Pfc

Young, Edwin T. Pfc



MEDICAL DETACHMENT

MEDICAL DETACHMENT 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Klein, James C.	Capt.	Keele, Jack III.	Capt.
Cornell, Robert A.	Capt.	Beatty, Earl Jr.	Capt.
Godwin, Joseph D.	Capt.	Pachefsky, Solomon L.	Capt.

Neuren, Fred A.	1st Lt.
Porter, John R.	1st Lt.
Boucherean, Paul E.	2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Akers, David F.	T/5	Kunkler, Frederick O.	T/5
Alderman, Edward J.	Cpl	Kelly, Joseph	T/5
Alderson, Chester F.	S/Sgt	LeSage, Gabriel N.	Pvt
Arnette, Robert F.	Pfc	Martin, Ellsworth J.	T/4
Barr, Donald W.	T/4	Martin, Walter W.	T/5
Bednar, Michael E.	T/4	Meinhart, Steward J.	T/5
Borlang, Victor	Pvt	Merrill, George W.	Pfc
Carlton, John E.	T/4	Miller, Travis T.	Pfc
Coates, John R.	Pvt	McKinley, Tom	Pfc
Cockrell, Eugene M.	Pfc	Morgan, Lim A.	S/Sgt
Coon, Ernest W.	T/4	Morretti, Nunzio J.	T/4
Cullings, Gordon H.	Pfc	Nagel, Merlyn S.	T/4
Dougherty, James H.	Pfc	Perkins, Francis J. III.	Pvt
Deaton, Luther	Cpl	Remmillard, Phileas E.	T/5
Dicken, Glenn M.	T/4	Rhodes, Herbert D.	Tech. Sgt
Dubey, Felix	T/5	Rogers, Earl M.	Pfc
Drydahl, Ervin	Pfc	Rutherford, Donald D.	T/5
Ebert, Robert L.	Sgt	Scrugge, Delsen J.	T/5
Furdek, Clarence L.	T/4	Shaughnessy, Joseph W	T/4
Gacek, William	T/5	Smith, Harry W.	Pfc
Goad, Jack P.	T/4	Trovinger, Wilmer	T/4
Gordon, Charles E.	Pfc	Welch, James M.	Sgt
Greenwood, James E.	T/5	Welgus, John	S/Sgt
Jarvis, Frank T.	Cpl	Wingler, Joseph P.	T/5
		Young, Robert M.	T/5



SERVICE COMPANY

COMPANY "B" 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Millsaps, W. W.	Capt.	Hoffmann, H.	1st Lt.
Frigo, Lionel O.	1st Lt.	McEneany, W. J.	1st Lt.
Gleim, Edward	1st Lt.	Mulligan, J. J.	2nd Lt.
Hojnski, Frank S.	1st Lt.	Sivetz, John	2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Alkire, Robert	Pfc	Evanaga, John	Pvt	LaMar, John F.	Pvt	Reed, Luther	Pfc
Allardyce, James	Pfc	Fasoli, Vincent M.	Pvt	Laney, James W.	Pvt	Reynolds, Wendell	Pfc
Anderson, Aldine	Pfc	Foley, John F.	Pvt	LeBlen, Roel F.	Pfc	Reeves, Edward J.	Pvt
Andersen, Henry I.	Pfc	Ford, Vernon C.	Pfc	Lonadier, Eddie E.	Pfc	Reinhardt, D. D.	Pvt
Aronis, John N.	Pfc	Foust, Thomas F.	Pvt	Loflin, Forrest L.	Pfc	Richards, Adam	Pfc
Atwood, Paul B.	S/Sgt	Frazier, Milton R.	Pvt	Lucas, Eugene A.	Pfc	Rigmaiden, Jam. S.	Pvt
Austin, Harry C.	S/Sgt	Fujisaki, Paul F.	Pvt	Lukas, Melvin	Pvt	Riley, Leland	Pfc
				Lipeles, Morris	Pfc	Rollins, Charles E.	S/Sgt
Ball, Herb. I. Jr.	Pvt	Gaillaguet, R. L.	Pvt	Lira, Manuel L.	Pfc	Rosa, Merrill Jr.	Pvt
Banks, George E.	Pfc	Garkins, Ruben E.	Pvt	Lunger, Gerald J.	S/Sgt	Rudisill, Hugh K.	Pfc
Barrett, Walter H.	S/Sgt	Gentry, Jack E.	Pvt			Rodriguez, John Jr.	Pvt
Bennett, Ralph L.	Pfc	Godin, William H.	Pvt	Mackey, Milton E.	Cpl	Rengert, Richard D.	Pvt
Blanco, Anthony	Pfc	Green, Herbert C.	Pfc	Maier, John E.	Pfc		
Blackmon, Jasper F.	Pfc	Green, Jim F.	Pfc	Malek, Harry P.	Pvt	Salyer, Hersel	Sgt
Boccadogli, E. C.	S/Sgt	Guiliani, Charles A.	Pfc	Mangus, James W.	Pfc	Schaffernan, Rob.	Pvt
Bohannon, R. B.	Pfc	Gustafson, Rob. E.	Pfc	Marzullo, Albert S.	Pfc	Scott, Edward R.	Pvt
Bolen, E. J. Jr.	Pvt			Mauk, Robert L.	Pfc	Serawski, Edw. C.	Pvt
Bolt, Jules, A.	Pfc	Hasker, Raym. W.	Cpl	McAtee, K. R.	Pvt	Smith, Daniel E.	Pvt
Bowman, Rud. F.	Pfc	Haden, Adrian G.	Pvt	McDonald, M. R.	Pvt	Smith, James W.	1st/Sgt
Bridges, Carl I.	Pfc	Harlan, Lee B.	Pvt	McDonald, Neal A.	Pfc	Smith, Jessie B.	Pvt
Bruce, Everett J.	Pvt	Hartnett, John L.	Pvt	McMasters, C. D.	Pvt	Smith, Lester J.	Pfc
Brown, Charles W.	Pvt	Henderson, Billy R.	Pvt	McMullen, G. C.	Pvt	Smith-Weir	Pvt
Brown, Roy E.	Cpl	Hernandez, F. R.	T/Sgt	McCool, Larry S.	Pfc	Snowden, Ivan T.	Pvt
Burkle, Fredrick L.	Pfc	Hodge, Jim H.	Pvt	McClusky, Rich. J.	Pvt	Sopka, Alexander	Pfc
Burt, Robert E.	Cpl	Hoffman, George J.	Pfc	McDonald, Theod.	Pfc	Spaulding, John R.	Pfc
Burton, John M.	Pfc	Hoffman, Jarvis H.	Pfc	Meeks, Avery R.	Pvt	Speciogeo, Louis Jr.	Pvt
Bywaters, James F.	Pfc	Horacek, Theod. C.	Pvt	Mills, Robert K.	S/Sgt	Spencer, Harry P.	Pfc
		Hoeglan, Norm. C.	Pfc	Minihew, H. M. Jr.	Pvt	Steffen, Wallace C.	Pfc
Casey, Michael J.	Pfc	Howe, Robert W.	Pfc	Moline, Clyde W.	T/Sgt	Stenstad, Russell S.	Pfc
Cavalcante, Vito	Pfc	Hunn, Thomas L.	Pfc	Montgomery, H. E.	Pvt	Stewart, Virgil W.	Pvt
Cipriano, Joseph	Pfc			Moss, Arthur G.	Pfc	Summerlin, Clar. E.	Pfc
Clark, Melvin E.	Pfc	Jackson, William R.	Pfc	Mroczka, Henry W.	Pfc	Sutherland, Fl. G.	Pfc
Collier, J. D.	Pvt	Jahnke, Daniel K.	Pfc	Murray, Charlie K.	Pfc	Suits, Joseph E.	S/Sgt
Conover, Dayton E.	Pvt	Jeske, Herbert A.	Pvt				
Cottrell, Gilb. H.	S/Sgt	Johnson, Kermit W.	Pfc	Naro, James S.	Pfc	Thomas, Lawr. V.	Pfc
Critcher, James W.	Pfc	Jordon, Forest D.	Pvt	Naylor, Fred C.	Pfc	Thornton, R. E.	Pvt
Crook, Albert V.	Pvt	Kabat, Robert E.	Cpl	Nemec, Arthur W.	Pfc	Tottle, Edward	Pfc
Crowell, James H.	Pfc	Kessell, George P.	Pvt	Niklauski, Mich. S.	Pfc	Tracey, James A.	T/s
Cundy, Richard T.	Pvt	King, Donald L.	Sgt			Trippe, Walter G.	Pfc
		Klinefelter, Philip	T/Sgt	O'Hair, Jonathan	Pfc	Tyndall, Monroe	T/s
Day, Robert B.	Pfc	Konstantine, C. A.	Pfc	Ortega, Henry	S/Sgt		
Davis, Allen L.	Pfc	Kowalski, Steve J.	Pfc			Vesto, Joseph P.	Pfc
Dean, William A.	T/s	Kremitski, Henry	Pfc	Paganelli, Frank L.	Pfc		
Dickinson, Don. E.	Pvt	Krolczyk, Stanisl.	Pvt	Payson, Robert	Pfc	Warner, Harry W.	Pfc
Donaldson, K. F.	Pvt	Kucharski, Jos. L.	Pvt	Perez, Raul T.	Pvt	Whipple, Leslie L.	Pfc
Doucet, Earl J.	Pfc	Kuehnle, G. W.	Pvt	Pierce, Robert J.	Pfc	Wilson, Raym. G.	Cpl
Duweglow, Walter	Pfc	Kurz, James O.	Sgt	Pietrowski, Edw. J.	Pfc	Wynar, Clarence	Sgt
				Pollock, Dale E.	Pfc		
Elliott, Carroll	Pfc	LaFlam, George L.	Pfc	Prather, Bob	Pfc	Yarbrough, Roy	Pfc
Ellis, George J.	Pvt	Langham, Alex D.	Pfc	Prewitt, Cliff. C.	Pfc		
				Priwer, Paul O.	Pvt	Zoller, Jack R.	S/Sgt

SERVICE COMPANY 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Wallace, John L.	Capt.	Sunday, Brewster	1st Lt.
Bethkin, John F.	1st Lt.	Vance, Harold H.	1st Lt.
Hall, Joseph	1st Lt.	Lutz, Darrell W.	1st Lt.
Hoinski, Frank S.	1st Lt.	Green, James E.	2nd Lt.
McConnell, R. E.	1st Lt.	Flanigan, James J.	CWO
Needham, J. K.	1st Lt.	Guilbeau, Mitchell	CWO
Schedin, J. A.	1st Lt.	Kempf, Lloyd W.	WOJG

ENLISTED MEN

Abrahamsen, Jacob	Pfc	Dix, Vernon L.	Pvt	Kelly, John J.	Pfc	Schneider, Richard A.	S Sgt
Alley, Wendell T.	Tec 5	Doland, Willis H.	Pfc	Kilgore, Charles R., Jr.	Pfc	Schrab, Raphael C.	Pfc
Amick, Fred D.	Pfc	Donahoe, Thomas K. Jr.	Pfc	King, Orbie M.	S Sgt	Schwartzman, Benj. H.	Pfc
Anderson, Ralph O.	Pfc	Doyle, Charles W.	Pfc	Kirkendall, Donald L.	Pfc	Scentry, Martin A.	Pfc
Anderson, William N.	Pfc	Dunford, Stacie A.	Pfc	Kirkpatric, Darrel D.	Pfc	Sharpless, James H.	Tec 5
Armour, Ronald H.	T/Sgt	Dunn, Donald J.	Pfc	Klimick, Thomas H.	Pvt	Shatlis, Kenneth C.	Pfc
Arva, James	Tec 5	Durman, Haskell L.	Pfc	Krajewski, Robert X.	Pfc	Shaw, Douglas E.	Pfc
Assmore, Robert M.	Pfc	Edlund, Willard R.	Pfc	Kuntz, David E.	Tec 5	Shoecraft, Charles D.	Pfc
Baar, Robert J.	Tec 4	Edwards, Lloyd R.	Sgt	La Targee, Stanley A.	Tec 5	Shot, John T.	T-4
Baldwin, Edward M.	Pfc	Eichens, Marcus A.	Pfc	Lambert, Lloyd C.	Pvt	Silver, Marvin C.	Pfc
Barlott, William S. Sr.	Pfc	Elstrom, Paul A.	Pfc	Lind, Lloyd T.	Pfc	Simmons, John C.	Pfc
Barnes, Harry	Tec 5	Ellsworth, Scott E.	Tec 4	Litton, Kennedy F.	Pfc	Smales, Harold	S Sgt
Barnes, Woodford W.	T/Sgt	Everhart, Paul F.	Pfc	Long William E.	1 Sgt	Smart, Grady E.	Pfc
Barnhart, Aubrey L.	Tec 5	Evans, Clarence L. C.	Pfc	Lovell, Pasqualine J.	Pfc	Smittina, Joseph T.	S Sgt
Barr, Maurice L.	Tec 5	Farkas, Steven J.	Pfc	Lower, John D. Jr.	T-4	Smith, Lone E.	T Sgt
Barton, Eugene H.	Tec 4	Faxon, Wayne M.	Tec 4	Lytle, Roy R.	Pvt	Smith, Richard D.	Tec 4
Beckham, James E.	T Sgt	Fiedler, Nathan N.	Pfc	Mackey, Lawr. P. Jr.	Tec 5	Soldo, Daniel	Sgt
Belcher, James A.	Pfc	Fishburn, Theodore R.	Pfc	Maddox, Fred L. Jr.	Pfc	Sparre, Charles D.	Tec 5
Beresford, Richard A.	Pfc	Henry, Frank W.	Pfc	Maggio, John L.	Tec 4	Spiers, William G.	Tec 4
Bierman, Thomas E.	Pfc	Field, John J. Jr.	Pfc	Maldonado, Trino F.	Pfc	Stahl, Kenneth J.	Tec 5
Boyd, Sherman G.	M Sgt	Flick, William T.	Sgt	Marescio, Edward J.	Pfc	Staley, James L.	Tec 4
Boyle, Manus J.	Tec 4	Francois, Melvin J.	Pfc	Marvin, Jack B.	Pfc	Stalker, Robert H.	Pfc
Bray, Charles D.	Pfc	Fry, Buddy	Pfc	Mathis, William A.	Pfc	Staughton, Harry	Tec 4
Brightwell, Jas. W.	Tec 4	Gallagher Thomas J.	Tec 5	Matuszewski, Eugene J.	Pfc	Stedman, Richard E.	Tec 5
Britt, Roy	S Sgt	Garcia, John J. Jr.	T-4	Mencie, Frederick Jr.	Tec 4	Stercup, Carl T.	Pfc
Broussard, Raym. C. Jr.	Pfc	Gaudino, Nicholas L.	Tec 5	McCreary, Glenn A.	Pvt	Stephens, George L.	Tec 5
Brown, Albert L.	Tec 5	Germain, Peter	Pfc	Migliaccio, Michael J.	Tec 5	Stevens, Billie J.	T-4
Brown, Charles W.	Pfc	Gilcrease, George E.	Pfc	Mihaly, Julius G.	Pfc	Storey, Marvin	Pfc
Bruce, Eugene	Tec 5	Glabbenser, Max J.	T-5	Milburn, Franz K.	Pfc	Sutton, William F.	Pfc
Buckley, John J.	Pfc	Goodwin, William	Cpl	Miller, Leo S.	Pfc	Swanson, Heiner W.	Pfc
Burtenshaw, John J.	Pfc	Grant, Clyde	T Sgt	Mittione, Frank	T-5	Swanson, Tage E.	Tec 4
Burday, Philip	Pfc	Griffith, Tom T.	Tec 4	Moore, Harry E.	Cpl	Taylor, Robert A.	Tec 5
Burns, John A.	M Sgt	Gulbrson, Carl C.	Pfc	Morrison, Lane A.	Pfc	Teel, A. W.	Pfc
Buttrey, Lewie F.	Pfc	Guzman, Anastasio D.	Pfc	Mortensen, Martin O.	Tec 5	Thompson, Melvin E.	Pfc
Bayster, Arthur W.	Cpl	Haddy, Frank	Pfc	Mosier, John M.	Tec 5	Topliffe, John N.	Pfc
Bywaters, James F.	Pfc	Hampton, Olen E.	Pfc	Mintz, Richard G.	Tec 4	Truesdell, David E.	Tec 5
Calhoun, John H. Jr.	Tec 5	Hansen, Donald W.	Tec 4	Mote, Harry L.	Pfc	Turkmany, George M.	Pvt
Cammack, Robert A.	Tec 5	Garner, Russell C.	Pfc	Mottaz, James P.	Pfc	Twitchell, Eugene F.	Pvt
Carroll, Marvin H.	Pfc	Hart, Melvin L.	Cpl	Nelson, Carl T.	Tec 5	Vargo, Julius	Tec 5
Casey, Thomas F.	T/Sgt	Harris, Ollie S.	Tec 4	Ottlin, John R.	Tec 4	Vaught, Edgar B.	Pfc
Cermak, George T.	Cpl	Hartley, Alvin C.	Pfc	Oldenmyer, David	Tec 5	Venuto, George W.	Pfc
Chlebana, Charles	Pfc	Hartman, Elek	T-5	Olkowski, Joseph	Pfc	Vestal, George F.	Tec 5
Clark, John A.	Pfc	Hermans, Albert S.	Tec 5	Pack, Elbon	Tec 4	Wald, John J.	Pfc
Colella, George A.	Tec 4	Heroz, Raymond	Tec 5	Parish, Michael	Pfc	Walton, Eugene C.	Tec 5
Colgan, Frank R.	Tec 5	Hicks, Billy J.	Pfc	Price, Ray C.	Pvt	Watkins, Clab. W. Jr.	Pfc
Cornwall, Earl R.	T/Sgt	Hildreth, George L.	Pfc	Rasmussen, George P.	Pfc	Webster, Gerald W.	T/Sgt
Cottrell, Frank L.	Tec 5	Horne, William E.	Pfc	Rawlings, Burton W.	Pfc	Wells, Donald E.	S Sgt
Couch, Artie W.	Tec 5	Hodge, Jim H.	Pvt	Redmond, Charles W.	Tec 5	Westerhoff, Francis W.	Sgt
Cox, Raymond R.	Pfc	Holoboski, Emil	Tec 4	Reaston, Melvin E.	Tec 5	Wicker, Philip E.	Pfc
Crandal, George L.	Pfc	Howle, William S.	Pfc	Richardson, Earl H.	Tec 5	Willocks, Leonard V.	Pfc
Crawford, Kenneth D.	Pfc	Hunsters, Warren E.	Pfc	Richardson, Fayette O.	Pfc	Wilson, Lawrias D.	Pfc
Day, Lester H.	Pvt	Ivey, Walter K.	Pfc	Richotte, George R.	Pfc	Witt, Vera T.	Pfc
Day, Robert D.	Pfc	Ihr, Regis A.	Pfc	Rogers, Emanuel F.	Pfc	Wood, Kenneth A.	Pfc
Dorst, Norman J.	Pfc	Jennings, John A.	Pfc	Rokuth, Earl L.	Pfc	Woods, Walter G.	Pfc
De Feil, Gene R.	Sgt	Johnson, Carl W.	Pfc	Rowe, Clifford	Tec 4	Wall, Woodrow W.	Pfc
Dellaca, Thomas J.	Pfc	Johnson, Ervin R.	Tec 5	Ruffino, Sam	Pfc	Yardley, Richard K.	Pvt
Dermont, Richard C.	Pfc	Johnson, Jack L.	Cpl	Salvati, Salvatore	Pfc	Young, Waldo S.	Pfc
Dibelling, Thomas J.	Pfc	Kapuscinski, Joseph M.	Pfc				
Detwiler, Truman K.	Sgt						
Dietz, Howard R.	Pfc						



133rd ARMY GROUND FORCES BAND

112TH ARMY GROUND FORCES BAND
508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Lexmon, Fred H.	1st Lt.	Margolin, Oliver	WOJG

ENLISTED MEN

Adams, Lee	Pfc	LaPenta, Anthony V.	T/4
Adelman, William S.	Pfc	LeBlanc, Henry N.	Pfc
Allen, Dave E.	Pfc	Lemcke, John O.	T/4
Backun, Leonard	T/4	Mayhew, Robert T.	Pfc
Barnes, Robert D.	Pfc	McCormick, William E.	Pfc
Beach, Gerald L.	T/4	McCullough, Lyle M.	T/4
Boginski, Joseph V.	Pfc	McGowan, Norman T.	Pfc
Brewner, William P.	Pfc	Moore, George W.	Pfc
Bruton, Conway M.	Pfc	Moore, Edmond K.	Pfc
Burdzinski, Raymond J.	Pfc	Mabe, William A.	Pfc
Burkhart, Anselm	Pfc	Neese, Ray E.	Pfc
Cashen, Robert F.	Pfc	Osmood, Donald	Pfc
Clark, William E.	Pfc	Panse, Dominick A.	Pfc
Coles, Edward A.	Pfc	Paxton, Robert L.	Pfc
Cooke, Arthur L.	Pfc	Peevy, Raymond W.	Pfc
Cotton, Nelson D.	Pfc	Przygoda, Judd J.	Pfc
Dellagosta, Anthony V.	T/4	Roll, William	Pfc
Davis, Alfred A.	Pfc	Schirrschneider, Carroll	T/4
Davison, Edward M.	T/5	Schmitz, William G.	Pfc
DeCaro, Frank	T/4	Schoonover, Meredith	Pfc
DeMarco, Peter P.	Pfc	Smith, Howard	Pfc
DeVerna, Lawrence A.	Pfc	Strakusek, Martin	Pfc
DePaola, Anthony	T/5	Sullivan, Herman C.	Pfc
Dooley, Daniel J. G.	Pfc	Taffi, Chester	Pfc
Fariello, Joseph A.	Pfc	Teigler, Russell	Pfc
Feeney, James J.	T/5	Valladares, Antonio	T/4
Fetkar, William M.	T/4	Von Gruenigen, Owen	Pfc
Forcucci, Samuel L.	T/Sgt	Von Kamen, Arthur	Pfc
Frizzell, Stewart A.	S/Sgt	Wade, Abram Jr.	Pfc
Gerdeman, John J.	Pfc	Way, James M.	Pfc
Greco, Angelo	T/4	Wiley, Ashton M.	Pfc
Green, Milton H.	Pfc	Wilson, Alvin P.	T/4
Gershedian, Sam	T/4	Winter, Julius G.	T/5
Hagen, Ludell	Pfc	Wyatt, Glenn A.	Pfc
Hise, Earle E.	Pfc	Zimmerman, Le Roy M.	T/5
Janson, Edward	T/4		
Krinsky, Herman Y.	Pfc		
Krzyka, Jerry S.	Pfc		



SECOND BATTALION STAFF, 508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY
Lt. Col. Otho E. Holmes, Commanding

During the last part of June the 508th remained in defensive positions south of the Douve, waiting for the big drive. German deserters were beginning to straggle into our lines, and a public address system and propaganda shells were used to intice more of them to surrender. At one point Lt. Paul E. Lehman, S-2 of the Third Battalion, spent an hour pleading in broken German to what looked like someone waving a white flag. After closer scrutiny it turned out to be a large Norman cow with a white spot on its side grazing behind a gap in the hedgerow.

At 0630 on the 3rd of July the Second and Third Battalions passed through the positions held by the First Battalion in the Bois de Limors and attacked towards Hill 131, the highest ground on the peninsula. The attack went well, and by noon the regiment had overrun front line positions and was operating in the enemy rear areas. Hill 131 was taken by nightfall, and the Red Devils had advanced three miles through pouring rain. In position to attack Hill 95, the last of the high ground north of La Haye du Puits, the regimental commander awaited the order to move forward.

At 0740 on the 4th of July the order came down, and the fireworks started at eight. As the attack progressed, the unit on the regiment's left shelled the high ground over which the First Battalion planned to move, leaving only a draw for a route of advance. The First and Third Battalions advanced through this narrow defile, and when the friendly shelling on the left had lifted, the Krauts were able to deliver effective fire from the flank as well as from the front. Both battalions sustained heavy losses and were forced to withdraw temporarily.

This situation threw the bulk of the load on the Second Battalion's shoulders. Advancing on the right flank of the regiment, the battalion attacked Hill 95 from the northeast. Since all avenues of approach were over fairly open ground, the enemy was able to observe the troopers much of the time. Running into heavy artillery as a result of the good observation, Capt. Chester Graham, temporarily commanding the battalion after Lt. Col. Alexander had been wounded, ordered F Company to move to the right around the base of the hill, while D Company went to the left. Since the battalion was not of sufficient strength to clear the wooded crest, the plan was to isolate the enemy on the hill from their cohorts to the south with interlocking bands of machinegun fire, and then send combat patrols to the crest. Capt. Royal B. Taylor assumed command in the evening, and under cover of darkness the battalion moved onto the hill. By five in the morning the Second Battalion had cleared the ridge, although enemy movement to the immediate front was so great that during the next few days several thousand rounds of 81mm mortar ammunition was expended, and the 319th Field Artillery, in support of the regiment, kept throwing round after round onto the enemy positions. Lt. Lloyd Pollette, commanding F Company did a marvelous job with his command on the attack. Despite the fact that they were absorbing most of the artillery, F Company moved to their objective and held it.

The 508th remained in position as the 8th Infantry Division passed through to take La Haye du Puits. The regiment then broke contact with the enemy. During the whole campaign, and it was true of all future campaigns, the medics instead of being merely pill-rollers, were the most respected and best loved group of men in the regiment. Their efficiency was surpassed only by their utter disregard for enemy fire when a wounded man needed aid.

On the 13th of July the 508th loaded into two LSTs on Utah Beach, and by the 15th of July 918 of the 2,056 men who had jumped on D-Day returned via Southampton to the base camp at Nottingham.

After five day furloughs in England had been enjoyed by all, the job of training replacements and preparing for the next mission began. Rumors were rampant. Despite the fact that Colonel Lindquist had informed everyone that eight weeks was the maximum time he could expect for preparation, some men insisted that the regiment was practically on its way home. Although a practice jump was scheduled for the 29th of August, it was cancelled at the last minute. Breathing a slight sigh at not having to jump, the

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, SECOND BATTALION

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY SECOND BATTALION
508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Tracey, David J. 1st Lt.

Anderson, Jos. R.	1st Lt.	Odom, Alton C.	1st Lt.
Childress, H. S. Jr.	1st Lt.	MacBlahe, T. D.	2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Adams, Richard L.	Pfc
Aguilera, Frank V.	Pvt
Aleck, Johhny G.	T/4
Allen, David A.	Pvt
Amico, Freder. R.	Pfc
Amiday, Albert B.	Sgt.
Anderson, Ch. W.	Pfc
Baker, Robert L.	Pfc
Bales, James L.	Pvt
Ball, Ivan E.	Pvt
Balliet, Neal H.	Pvt
Barry, John T. M.	S/Sgt
Bartlett, Eug. C.	T/5
Battle, John H.	Pfc
Beaupre, W. W.	Pfc
Boring, Seward B.	Pfc
Born, Stanley F.	Pfc
Bernard, Charl. F.	Sgt
Bess, Martin D.	Pfc
Bloss, Donald H.	Pfc
Biagioni, W. H.	T/5
Boitano, Louis	Pfc
Bray, Bonald L.	Pfc
Breuer, M. L. Jr.	Pvt
Brickey, K. J. Sr.	Pvt
Brodzinski, Alf. E.	Pfc
Brooks, Frank	Pfc
Brown, Buford L.	Pfc
Brown, Richard E.	Pfc
Brune, Joseph J.	Pvt
Burgess, Merle D.	Cpl
Burke, Cornelius J.	Pvt
Carney, Robert J.	Cpl
Carter, Albert R.	Pvt
Cerra, Michael J.	Pfc
Christ, George T.	S/Sgt
Chandler, Billy J.	Pfc
Chesire, Clifton	Pvt
Clark, Robert F.	S/Sgt
Clawson, Merlin M.	Pvt
Cole, John	Pvt
Collier, Thomas R.	Pvt
Collins, Larry R.	Pfc
Connors, John H.	Pvt
Corrado, Patsy	Pfc
Coyle, Charles B.	Pfc
Crawford, Paul	T/4
Davis, Weldon E.	T/4
Delgrado, John L.	Pfc
Doner, Joseph J.	Pfc
Derr, Pharon O.	Pfc
Desmarais, Jos. L.	T/5
Dispenza, Henry	Pvt
Dobbs, Joseph A.	Pvt
Elmore, Thomas Jr.	S/Sgt
Ertle, John P.	Pfc
Fagan, Wilbur J.	Pfc
Fairman, G. D. Jr.	S/Sgt
Ferguson, Frank W.	Pfc
Fowler, Celey Jr.	Pfc
Gabriel, Robert	Pfc
Giblin, David A.	Pvt
Greely, John F.	T/5
Grube, Martin	Pfc
Gulbrandson, E. T.	Pvt
Hager, George L.	Pvt
Hines, Warren E.	Pfc
Irby, W. H. Jr.	T/5
Jackson, Larson L.	Pfc
Jessup, Howard	T/5
Jozwiak, Edward J.	T/5
Keene, Leland F.	Pfc
Konwerski, Jul. F.	T/Sgt
Kozak, Floyd C.	Cpl
Klatte, Albert M.	Pfc
Kulin, Harold O. L.	Pfc
Ladd, Spencer C.	Pfc
Lewis, Clarence V.	Cpl
Lewis, Hobart D.	Pvt
Loog, Foy C.	Pfc
Lowery, Vincent	Pvt
Lucero, Charles F.	Pfc
Lund, Alvin E.	Pvt
MacMillan, W. F.	Pfc
MacKaell, Alb. J.	Pfc
Marleo, Louis	Pfc
Marshall, Regin. S.	Pfc
Martin, Raymond	Pfc
Mastraianni, Guido	Pfc
Mattingly, Jos. W.	T/5
Marx, Eugene J.	Pfc
McDonnell, Val.	S/Sgt
Meadum, Edgar M.	Pfc
Mecone, Rich. G.	T/5
Meslich, Benjamin	Pfc
Mirra, Victor A.	Sgt
Miskowiec, A. D.	Pfc
Meyers, Billy D.	Pfc
Montgomery, M. E.	Pvt
Moore, Orville	Pfc
Morris, Robert H.	T/Sgt
Morse, Loran A.	Pvt
Muleck, A. F. Jr.	Pfc
Muzichuck, Edw. J.	Pfc
Neidelfer, Roy E.	T/4
Needwell, Stanl. A.	T/4
Newman, Lee D.	Pfc
Nosland, Jack W.	Pfc
Nusse, Clarence C.	T/4
Oberg, Calvin E.	Pfc
Parsons, Harold S.	Sgt
Pearson, Ned R.	S/Sgt
Pooley, Lee W.	S/Sgt
Phillips, Ralph E.	Pfc
Pilutti, Adelchi A.	T/4
Pinon, Reyes M.	Pfc
Pittinger, Vivian E.	Pfc
Ponce, Pascual E.	Pfc
Poss, Homer H.	Cpl
Peterson, G. D.	Pfc
Reed, Calvin S.	Pfc
Reimers, Lee H.	Pvt
Richter, Virgil H.	Pfc
Riley, John W.	Pfc
Rinehart, Thom. F.	Pvt
Rodie, Wayne R.	Pvt
Rodriguez, Salv. S.	T/5
Rogers, John K.	Pvt
Romero, Arsenio	Pfc
Rymaszewski, W. J.	Pfc
Sender, William W.	Pfc
Schlemmer, D. Z.	T/Sgt
Schnoor, Max C.	Pfc
Seal, Richard C.	Pfc
Schroeder, K. M.	1st Sgt
Shanley, Irving T.	S/Sgt
Shrout, T. A. Jr.	S/Sgt
Sims, Fred W.	T/4
Smith, James L.	Pfc
Southy, Jack M.	Pvt
Stipes, Richard C.	Pfc
Stone, Carl E.	Pfc
Sullivan, Daniel T.	Pfc
Speers, Robert W.	S/Sgt
Strey, John F.	Pfc
Take, William M.	Pfc
Toellner, Kenn. E.	Sgt
Tolocky, Roger R.	Pfc
Thiesolf, LeRoy F.	Sgt
Thompson, A. C.	Pfc
Thompson, R. H.	Sgt
Tillman, W. A.	Pvt
Tajchia, M. H.	Pfc
Unsworth, Thom. J.	Pfc
Vogel, John B. Jr.	Cpl
Venahnick, H. F.	Pvt
Vickery, Floyd E.	Cpl
Vivian, David L.	Pfc
Waltuc, Stanley A.	Pfc
Wellington, Rex A.	Pvt
Wheeler, Edward	Pfc
Wickstrom, A. L.	Pvt
Wilkins, Lloyd R.	Sgt
Wise, Albert A.	Pfc
William, Albert	Cpl.
Wolosechek, A. V.	Pvt
Wright, William H.	Sgt
Wise, James M.	Sgt
Yount, Floyd S.	Pfc



COMPANY "D"

COMPANY „D" 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

French, Jack, S. 1st Lt.
Frisk, Herman L. 1st Lt.
Layman, Fred H. 1st Lt.
Lyons, Robert J. 1st Lt.
Ecoff, Ward T. 2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Adams, Willis J. Pfc
Adrian, Harry C. T/4
Anderson, Alb. C. Pfc
Atkinson, H. B. Pvt

Baker, Walter E. Sgt
Ball, Laverne J. Cpl
Balogach, John J. Pfc
Barton, Martin Jr. Pfc
Bellefontaine, J. P. Pfc
Boylen, William D. Pvt
Brady, Charles P. S/Sgt
Brammer, I. T. Jr. Pvt
Bray, Randall L. Pfc
Braz, Manuel J. Pfc
Broughton, E. L. Pvt
Brown, Francis S/Sgt
Brown, Fryder, G. Sgt
Bryant, Nelson S. Pfc
Brzezowski, John J. Pfc
Buhler, Melvin D. Pfc
Bull, Raymond O. Pvt

Calvert, Carroll B. 1st Sgt
Carter, W. G. A. Pfc
Charley, Harry Pfc
Chavez, Juan R. Pfc
Chesney, Ov. A. Pfc
Clayton, Alt. B. Pvt
Clemmer, Gge. F. Pfc
Coats, Cecil S/Sgt
Cobb, William L. Pfc
Cook, Creed C. Pvt
Cooley, Jack A. Pfc
Crain, Clemon C. S/Sgt
Culley, James P. Pvt

Davis, Lisle R. T/Sgt
Denney, Ralph E. Pfc
DeVelice, Clare A. Pfc
Dwyer, James W. Pfc
Doyle, Dale M. S/Sgt

Eakins, L. A. Jr. Pfc
Edwards, Jos. E. Jr. Pfc
Eide, Raymond O. Sgt
Evans, Eugene L. Sgt

Fedorchak, Vinc. J. Pfc
Fellin, Carl J. Pfc
Ferrarese, Salv. M. Pfc
Franklin, McKinley Sr. P. Pvt

Gallagher, H. A. Pvt
Gatewood, W. R. Pfc
Golliver, Wilbur G. Pfc
Goodgion, G. E. Pfc
Green, W. B. Jr. Pfc
Greenwood, John Pvt
Griffin, George D. Pvt
Gunthet, Harold C. Pfc
Guzzetti, Louis E. Pfc

Hall, Robert F. Pfc
Harrison, Ollie R. Pfc
Harvey, Dennis E. Pfc
Hayden, Charles F. Pvt
Heid, Lowell E. Pfc
Helton, Ray L. Pfc
Hietala, Eli Pfc
Hilbrands, Benjam. Pfc
Hinman, Billy O. Pfc
Hix, Almon J. Pfc
Hoffman, W. R. Pfc
Holbrook, Rob. G. Pfc
Holden, Robert I. Pfc
Holsopple, Ern. C. Pfc
Howard, Ruf. L. Jr. Pfc
Hudson, Sammie E. T/5
Hunt, Norman M. Sgt
Holt, James W. Pvt

Ikirt, Paul T. T/5
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James, George J. Pvt
Johnpeer, Charl. F. Pvt

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Kaminsky, Samuel Pfc
Kawolsky, Pete Pfc
Keith, Robbie A. Pfc
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Melia, Thomas F. Pfc
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Moser, Truendell Pfc
Myers, Earl M. Sgt

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Pearcy, Karl E. Pfc
Perales, Ruben R. Pfc
Perkins, Edwin T. Pfc
Perkins, W. S. S/Sgt
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Porter, Carl Jr. Pfc
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Raimond, Mich. F. Pfc
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COMPANY "E" 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

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Butler, Glenw. B. Pfc
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Cousins, H. W. Pfc

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Ellis, Johnnie A. Pfc
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Fortner, J. B. Pfc
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Genobles, Frank Pfc
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Green, John G. Jr. Pfc
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Klumder, Adolf W. Pfc
Kotalik, John W. Pfc
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Lown, Leonard B. Sgt
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Lux, Henry Pfc

MacDonald, Jerry Pfc
MacNeill, Harvey Pfc
Maier, Levis W. Pfc
Mainevich, Joseph Pfc
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Marsden, Ch. W. Pvt
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McCourt, V. W. Pfc
McGeehan, J. H. Pfc
McGuire, Beecher Pfc
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Moulton, Nels, W. Pfc

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Raymond, Edw. A. Pfc
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Rowley, Edward A. Pfc
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Scelso, Rosario Pfc
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Warpechowski, H. J. Pfc
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Amore, Joseph A. Pfc

Barlow, Willard H. S/Sgt
Basar, George M. Pfc
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Bartlett, Charl. H. Pfc
Beadling, John W. Pfc
Billings, John H. Pvt
Blakeley, Earl E. Pvt
Brockwell, Lois Pvt
Bryson, H. W. Jr. Pvt
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Biddy, Rufus S. Pfc
Bau, Guerrino T/5
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Burley, David W. Pfc
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Berry, Elbert C. Sgt
Bourne, James T/Sgt
Bouthot, Fern. J. S/Sgt

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Calendine, Rex M. Pfc
Cherry, Otha C. Pfc
Copeland, Jos. C. Pfc
Culhane, John P. Pfc
Chin, Albert S. O. Pvt
Christian, Leland L. Pvt
Clark, Wilburn F. Pvt
Collard, Kenn. M. Pvt
Cromwell, Wesl. G. Pvt

Davison, George Pvt
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Demko, Frank Pfc
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Donohue, Franc. J. Pfc
Dukes, Henry A. Pfc
Dykstra, Marlin E. Pfc

Dail, William I. Pvt
Day, Lester H. Pvt
Duffy, John P. Pvt
Davis, Reece D. Sgt

Edwards, Robert A. Pvt
Eitsch, George H. Pvt
Ellis, Adam R. Pvt
Elmore, Willet Pvt
Ettinger, Victor E. Pvt

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Ferzante, Gaet. T. Pvt
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Fuchs, Frank F. Jr. Sgt
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Greening, Marv. E. T/4
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Gettler, Antone J. Pfc
Gizzi, Marino J. Pfc
Garrison, Raym. F. Pfc
Goetzinger, Elm. R. Pfc
Golomb, Sherm. B. Pfc
Graffius, Jam. E. Pfc

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Harju, George W. Pfc
Harper, W. A. 1st Sgt
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Hickman, Earl G. Pfc
Howland, Leon Pfc
Hunt, Paul H. Pfc

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McKee, Frank E. Cpl
Marshall, Quinr. D. Pfc
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Miller, Kenneth L. Pfc
McDowell, W. E. Pvt
Mitchell, Arth. G. Pfc
Mongold, A. W. Pfc
Moreno, Joe L. Pfc
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Myers, Orville M. Pfc
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Owens, Haskell K. Pfc
O'Neill, Robert F. Pvt

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Pena, Lucas E. Pfc
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Pickett, Jewel L. Sgt
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Plunkett, Walt. E. Pfc

Pomeroy, Kenn. E. Pfc
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Riebsame, W. P. Sgt
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Rodriquez, Edw. A. Pfc
Rogers, William H. Pfc
Rushing, H. W. Pfc

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Sandbach, Clar. A. Pfc
Susser, Ernest Pfc
Shainowski, Carl Pfc
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Slama, Louie Pvt

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Tempera, Morris L. Pfc
Thompson, Harry S. Pfc
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Talbot, Lewis W. Pvt
Toler, William A. Pvt

Umberson, W. E. Pfc

Ventura, Napol. R. Pfc
Vitez, Charles Pfc
Wagner, Jack B. Pfc
Waldecker, Reyn. Pfc
Waller, Thomas B. Pfc
Ward, Billy E. Pfc
Watts, Calvin Pfc
Webb, Gilbert G. Pfc
Whitley, Billy W. Pfc
Wilkens, Earl Pfc
Williams, Merl. R. Pfc
Wingate, Earl W. Pfc
Witzenman, Fr. Jr. Pfc
Wojcik, Leo E. Pfc
Wolak, Teddy A. Pfc
Worthington, B. M. Pfc
Wagner, Warren G. Pvt

Yackovich, Andr. E. Pfc
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Young, Roger B. Pfc
Youer, Junior M. Pfc

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TIRD BATTALION STAFF, 505th PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Major Alton L. Bell, Commanding / Maj. Robert L. Milam, Exec. O. / WOJG Donald E. Hubbard, S-1 / 2nd Lt. Werner M. Morgan, S-2

troopers were surprised when the order came down to roll bundles with a combat load of ammunition and equipment. After several days at the airport, ready to drop in the vicinity of Tournai, Belgium, everyone returned to base camp, thanks to the rapidity with which Patton's men had overrun Belgium.

Slightly more than a week after this dry run, planes were loaded once more, and the 82d Airborne Division was on its way to Nijmegen, Holland. Dropping south of the city shortly after one-thirty in the afternoon on Sunday, September 17th, the Red Devils found themselves presented with an entirely different situation than confronted them on the 6th of June. Flying through cloudless skies, the three battalion lifts were exactly over the drop zone when the green light snapped on. Although the last few minutes of the trip had been through heavy flak, casualties were extremely light. Perhaps it was because of the depth of the aerial thrust — at some places troops were dropped fifty miles behind the line — that surprise was achieved. Whatever the cause, resistance on the DZ was negligible.

By 1800 on D-Day all battalions were on their objectives, strengthening their defenses. During the next few hours Companies A and B moved north into Nijmegen, while Company G did likewise, using a different route. Both groups were intent on taking the modern highway bridge over the Waal — southern branch of the Rhine.

By noon of the 18th the enemy had recovered from their surprise and were assaulting the Nijmegen salient on all sides. The main highway running through the corridor was cut at the base, preventing the British First Airborne Division from seizing the bridge across the Neder Rijn, north of Nijmegen.

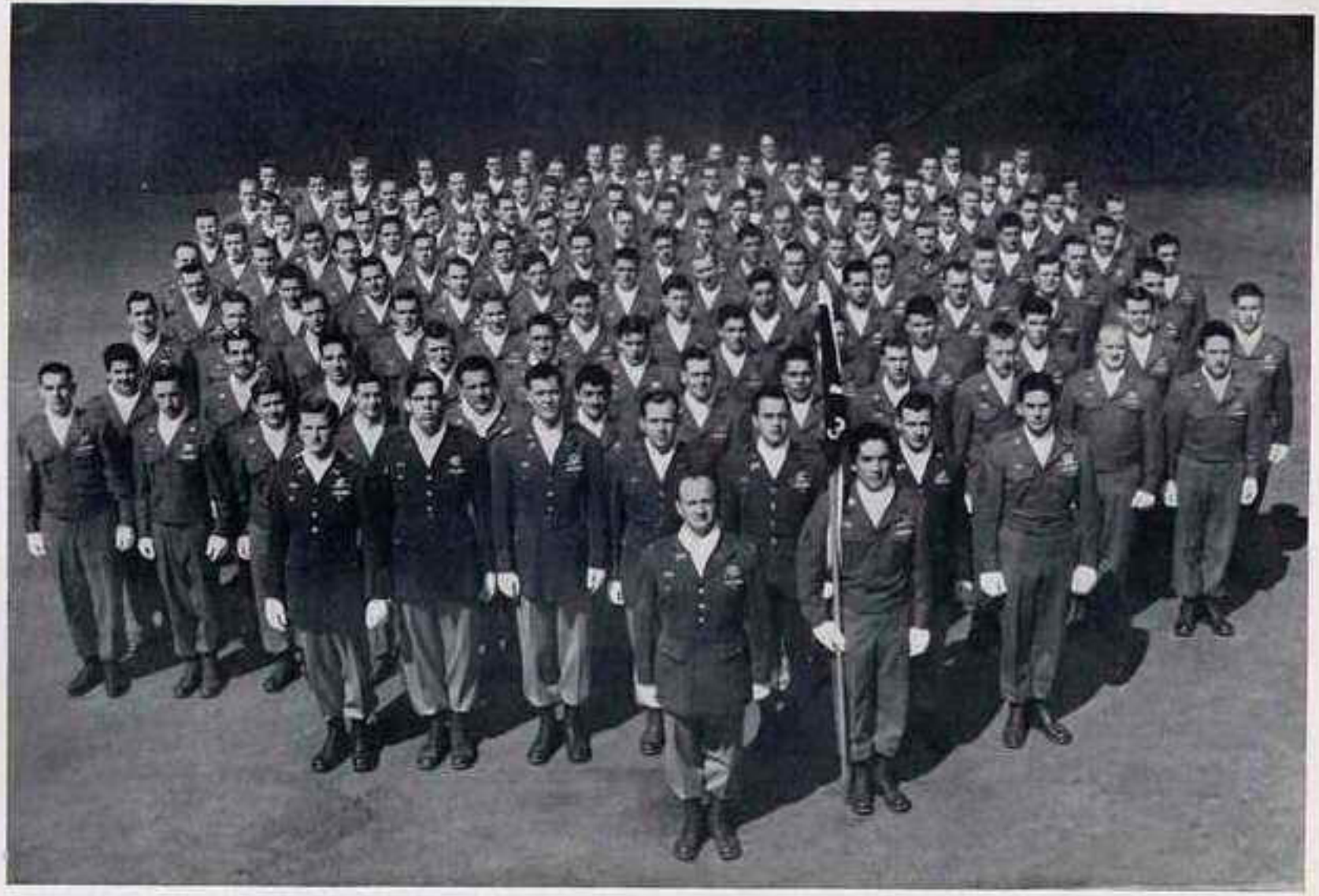
In the Nijmegen area the first week of action was highlighted by much hard fighting. Among the accomplishments of the 508th were the destruction of the demolition control for the Nijmegen bridge by a platoon of A Company under Capt. Jonathan E. Adams; the battle for "Devil's Hill" southeast of the city by part of Company A under Lt. John P. Foley, where nearly a battalion of enemy infantry was held at bay by two platoons; and the clearing of the glider landing zone on the 18th by the First Battalion and Company D. While the first of the gliders was coming in to land, the last of the Germans were being driven from the area. The Third Battalion waged a twenty-four hour battle for a small, but strategically important Dutch village, Beek. After changing hands three times, Beek was finally secured at great cost of life — but the Krauts had also paid heavily in the battle. The 319th Glider Field Artillery was instrumental in suppressing all the enemy counterattacks.

On the 23rd the Third Battalion attacked into Germany across the flats east of the city of Nijmegen, supported by a wonderful troop of British tanks — part of the Sherwood Forest Yeomanry. On the twenty-fourth of September, the 504th Parachute Infantry relieved the 508th, and the regiment reorganized near Berg-en-Dal, a small town south of Nijmegen. During this initial phase of the operation, as in Normandy, the parachute maintainence and supply sections were kept busy packing and dropping equipment bundles to keep the troopers well supplied with food, ammunition and blood plasma. For its work, the parachute maintenance section received the Distinguished Service Unit Plaque.

The Allied Armies had extended their supply lines nearly to the breaking point, and with the failure to turn the enemy's northern flank at Arnhem, the battle in the Nijmegen salient developed into defensive warfare. The 508th remained south of the city until the 6th of October, during which time the Second Battalion raided the Voxhil area on the edge of the flats. Just before midnight on the 1st of October the Krauts laid down an extremely heavy artillery barrage on the Second Battalion in such great depth that all wire communication from the battalion to higher headquarters were cut, and the regimental command post was shelled.

Shortly after midnight a battalion of Panzer Grenadiers, supported by armor and artillery, hit the Second Battalion positions, overrunning one platoon of E Company, and partially overrunning another. This soon became a real threat to the Allied corridor, since the Krauts objective was Groesbeek, a town

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508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

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Wallen, Ben E. Pfc
Wallis, James E. Pfc
Waltman, David Pvt
Williams, Jesse E. Pfc
Wilson, Clyde Pvt
Windom, William T/5
Wood, James C. Pvt
Woody, Hugh N. Pfc



COMPANY "G"

COMPANY "G" 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Wild, Russell C. Capt.
Rambo, Frank A. 1st Lt.
Greenawalt, H. A. 1st Lt.
Call, William J. 1st Lt.
Russell, James F. 1st Lt.
Roper, Delbert R. 1st Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Adams, John O. T/4
Allsup, Uerah V. Pfc
Anaya, Fernando L. Sgt
Atheam, Harold J. Pfc
Attanese, P. T. Jr. S/Sgt

Ball, Charles W. S/Sgt
Basile, Sam S. Pfc
Beach, Merl A. S/Sgt
Beck, Ernest P. Sgt
Beltz, Charles G. Pfc
Brownlee, Rich. E. Pfc
Burks, Wilburn Pfc
Bursa, Dominic J. Pfc

Calcagno, Louis S/Sgt
Campagna, Ralph Pfc
Canterbury, R. W. Pfc
Carter, Loren W. Pfc
Cervelli, Egisto Pfc
Cifune, Antonio T/Sgt
Connors, John W. Pfc
Conley, Dale E. Pfc
Crafford, John D. Sgt
Cresswell, Th. C. Pvt
Crocker, James A. Pfc

Davis, Sidney Pfc
De Santis, John A. Pfc
Dill, Winfred M. Pfc

Ebert, Leslie E. Pfc
Ellis, Jennings B. Jr. Sgt
England, Theod. D. Pfc
Ennis, Ivey C. Pfc
Estell, Harvey T. S/Sgt

Fanning, Ph. F. N. Pfc
Farris, William W. Pfc
Fauble, Floyd V. Pfc
Fishburn, Louis E. Pfc
Fleisher, Walter E. Pfc
Fowler, Ronald E. S/Sgt

Garretty, Alb. P. Pvt
Garrity, Edward C. Cpl
Gilbertson, Edw. J. Pfc
Goff, Marvin R. Pfc
Goller, Kenneth P. Pfc
Graham, Richard J. Pfc
Grant, Earle H. Pvt
Gray, J. D. Pfc
Greenberg, Irving Pfc
Griffin, Howard G. Pfc
Gross, George O. Pfc
Gross, William G. Pfc
Grunda, Clyde E. Pfc
Guthrie, Charles Pfc
Guyot, Fr. H. Jr. Pfc
Gwinn, Charles G. Sgt

Hafenbrack, J. R. Pfc
Hale, Richard H. Pfc
Hall, William S. Pfc
Hanson, Dale L. Pvt
Harris, Jeff Cpl
Hargrave, John L. Sgt
Hatcher, Franc. M. Pfc
Held, George, H. Pfc
Henry, Robert L. S/Sgt
Hess, Alfred L. S/Sgt
Higdon, Glen E. Pvt
Hilton, Raymond B. Pfc
Hodge, John H. Pfc
Houghton, Th. R. S/Sgt
House, Bruce E. Pfc
Howard, William S. Pfc

Inman, Henry L. Pfc
Intese, Harry M. Pfc

Jeffers, Warren C. Pvt
Johnson, George J. Pfc
Johnston, W. G. Pvt
Johnson, Edward J. Pfc
Jones, Gerald G. Pfc

Kasper, Harold A. T/5
Kelly, Marion E. Pfc
Kemmerer, Paul C. Pfc
Kenny, William T. Pfc
Kinne, De Close Pfc
King, Bill V. Pfc
King, William J. Pvt
Kitsane, Joseph M. S/Sgt
Kolterman, R. J. 1st Sgt
Kovensky, W. A. Pfc

Lamoureux, Fr. M. T/4
Lawhon, W. T. Jr. Pfc
Lesniewicz, Alv. F. Pfc
Lewis, Lane Pfc
Looney, Jack Pfc

Majka, John J. T/5
Markovich, Gge. J. Pfc
Mauch, Paul J. Pfc
McFadden, L. E. T/Sgt
McGrath, George F. Sgt
Miller, John T. Pfc
Montagano, Samuel Pfc
Morrison, Edw. A. Pfc
Morgan, Caleb A. Pfc
Morrell, James W. Pfc
Moynier, Ernest Pfc
Murphy, David J. Pfc

Nesesoft, M. G. Pfc
Nichols, Maxwell E. Pfc
Novak, Arthur Jr. Pfc

O'Halloran, D. P. Pfc
O'Malley, Billie L. Pfc

Parsons, Oley O. Pfc
Pealor, John C. Pfc
Pennypacker, J. P. Pfc
Piper, Robert P. S/Sgt
Powell, Isaac L. Pfc
Pullen, Robert C. Pfc

Queen, Hugh Q. Pvt

Rankin, W. W. Jr. Pfc
Risley, Robert H. Pfc
Risnes, Marvin L. T/Sgt
Romero, Angel Pfc
Rosenberger, Fl. M. Pfc
Roman, Albert A. Pfc
Rowland, Sam. C. Pfc
Rowell, John Jr. Pfc

Sadorky, Clar. A. Pfc
Santos, Joseph Jr. S/Sgt
Schneider, Frederick Pfc
Scotti, Albert J. Pfc
Scovill, Edward R. Pfc
Shattuck, Lee C. Pvt
Sheppard, W. R. Pfc
Shoemaker, M. W. Pfc
Shrader, Paul K. Pfc
Shuster, Joseph W. Pfc
Simko, Joseph P. Jr. Pfc
Simmons, Edw. C. Pfc
Slaughter, Fr. L. Jr. Pfc
Smith, Duane L. Pfc
Smith, William L. Pfc
Smith, Charley L. Pfc
Smith, Lawrence L. Pfc
Spero, George J. Pfc
Stacy, Ernie E. Pfc
Stewart, Edward T. Pfc
Story, Payton S/Sgt
Stokes, John D. Pvt
Storey, Marvin D. Pfc.
Stroon, Norman, Pvt
Stroud, Thomas V. Pfc
Swint, W. D. S/Sgt

Tabers, Melvin A. Pfc
Taylor, Samuel C. Pfc
Ten Eyck, Roy J. Pfc
Thomas, Max M. Pfc
Tims, Donald M. Pfc
Toler, Walter P. Pfc
Trudgeon, Roy. Pfc
Tunstead, Walt. V. Pfc
Turk, John Tec 5
Turner, Jeffery L. Pfc
Tuttle, Allen A., Pfc

Valente, Dominic Pfc
Valher, Lawr. T. Pfc
Vargas, Adolfo F. Pfc
Vavera, Frank Pfc
Ver Hey, Nellis D. Pvt
Vidrine, Cleveland Pfc
Villa, Albert J. Pfc
Vincent, Don. R. Cpl
Vlasak, Paul Pfc
Volpe, Louis Pfc

Wahner, Arthur J. S/Sgt
Walker, Benn. W. Pfc
Walters, William B. Pfc
Ward, John W., Cpl
Ward, Chester T. Sgt
Williamson, J. M. Pvt
Wilson, William L. Pfc
Wilcox, Alvie W. Pfc
White, William E. Pfc
Young, David P. Pvt



COMPANY "H"

COMPANY "H" 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Toth, Louis L. Capt.
Beattie, H. E. Jr. 1st Lt.
Beaver, Neal W. 1st Lt.
Duby, John P. 1st Lt.
Smith, Ralph H. 2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Aaron, George Sgt
Abe, Robert E. Pfc
Adams, Arthur Jr. Pfc
Albright, Rob. J. S/Sgt
Azzoto, William L. Pfc

Beanblossom, W. H. Pfc
Bennett, Joseph M. Pfc
Beutler, John A Pfc
Black, Floyd H. Pvt
Blehm, Glenn H. Pfc
Blomeker, Sylvester Pvt
Bolin, Leroy Pvt
Bolin, Paul L. Pfc
Bagdonas, Frank Sgt
Branthoover, D. P. Pfc
Brennan, Thomas S/Sgt
Brown, Charles E. S/Sgt
Busson, Ralph J. 1st Sgt

Clark, Robert J. Pfc
Cleaver, Stanley L. Pvt
Clinard, Harley Jr. Pfc
Coopersmith, N. S/Sgt
Cox, George C. Pvt
Curran, Maurice J. Pfc

DeSimone, Alb. J. S/Sgt
Downes, John P. Pvt
Drake, Glenn C. S/Sgt

Elsiszewski, Henry J. Pvt
Ellis, Gaylord M. Pfc
Elvingham, Martin Pvt
Evans, William G. S/Sgt

Fuhrer, James P. Pfc
Fitzgerald, James G. Sgt
Feliz, Robert A. Pfc
Foskey, Dane M. Pfc

Gebo, Fredrick L. Pvt
Getzendanner,
Eugene R. Jr. Pvt
Gibson, Joseph C. T/5
Glover, Ernest T. Pvt
Gonzales, Jose Pfc
Goodson, Fred L. Pfc
Gorel, Edward Pvt
Graeff, Lewis Pfc
Gregory, Harry Pvt

Griffin, Oliver W. S/Sgt
Gristina, Cecil Pfc
Guilliams, Jam. H. Pfc
Guntor, Charles C. Pfc

Hamilton, Edwin Pfc
Hinshaw, Hyland Sgt
Hughes, Harold Pfc
Hull, John E. Pfc

Irving, Everett O. Pfc
Jacob, Paul Pfc
Jacobs, Samuel Sgt
Jones, Barney C. Pvt
Jones, Leslie K. Pvt

Kay, James G. T/Sgt
Keller, Robert E. S/Sgt
Kline, Bernard Sgt
Knight, Robert W. Pfc
Kovelan, Edw. C. Pvt
Krischke, Albert A. Pvt
Krueger, Raym. F. Pfc
Kumler, Lyle K. T/Sgt

LaBella, Anthony Pvt
Landry, Francis Pvt
Lenon, Gail B. Pfc
Lierenz, John W. Pfc
Lish, Cecil A. Pfc
Locks, Orin C. Pfc
Lockwood, Alfr. E. Pvt
Lucero, Louis A. Pfc

McLeod, Robert Pfc
McClafferty, Th. F. Pfc
McCullough, W. Pvt
MacDonald, H. B. Pvt
McDonald, W. S. Pfc
McKamey, Paul J. Pfc
McCloughan, Joe E. Pvt
Manson, William L. Pfc
Martin, Edward R. Pvt
Martin, Charles R. Pfc
Mashek, Clarence Pfc
Massoletti, Fr. Jr. Pfc
Matteson, Thurlow Pfc
Mayhly, Ira F. Pvt
Meyers, George C. Pfc
Myers, James E. Pfc

Miceika, John F. Pfc
Milanowski, Thead. Pfc
Milkovics, Lewis Sgt
Minnick, George T/4
Moria, Leo E. Pvt
Muffley, Charl. E. Pvt
Murphy, James J. S/Sgt

Neal, Mont. A. Jr. Pvt
Nelson, Everett Pfc
Neebe, William H. Sgt
Neff, Edgar S/Sgt
Nestor, Clyde E. Pfc
Nozak, Edward Pfc

Oglesby, James H. Pfc
Olson, Henning T/Sgt

Palazzolo, Santo Pvt
Palmer, Robert K. Pvt
Parkenson, Clyde Pvt
Patterson, Paul P. Pfc
Peirce, Ralph J. Pvt
Perrico, Ralph J. S/Sgt
Pfeffer, Earl V. Pvt
Phillips, Ernest H. Pvt
Pollock, William Pfc
Pommerning, Melv. Sgt
Powell, Kenn. L. Sgt
Powell, Prescott R. Pfc
Purdy, Harry D. S/Sgt

Raine, Jam. N. Jr. Pfc
Richardson, Phillip Pvt
Richman, Nathan Pvt
Roberts, Charles Pvt
Robinson, Earl Pvt
Rodgers, W. R. Pvt
Rolfo, Carmen Pfc
Roll, Harry A. Pfc
Rosey, Michael Pfc
Ruiz, Frank A. Pvt

Scarber, Kenneth Pfc
Scheve, George Sgt
Schmutzler, H. L. Pvt
Scottolini, Alfred Pfc
Segovia, Patrick Pvt
Sheehan, Martin M. Pfc
Shannon, Russell K. Pvt

Shelley, William H. Pfc
Shimko, Steve F. Pvt
Shultis, Ellsworth A. Pvt
Shields, Roy E. Jr. Cpl.
Sizemore, Ever. O. T/Sgt
Smith, Merrite E. Pfc
Smith, Robert L. Pfc
Sorensen, Hans G. Pvt
Springer, Charles Pvt
Stammel, Raym. T. Pvt
Steinheimer, David Pfc
Stephens, Chest. O. S/Sgt
Stewart, Billy C. Pvt
Stiles, William G. Pvt
Stubblefield, E. A. Pfc
Sukovic, Joseph Pfc

Tedford, Lester D. Pfc
Tibedeau, James H. Pvt
Timperio, Albert Pvt
Tracy, William T. Pfc
Truman, William F. Pfc
Tucker, William P. Pfc
Turner, Robert H. Pfc

UnderstandingCrow,
Edison M. Pvt

Vallery, Clyde A. Pvt
Veach, Donald Pfc

Wajda, Albin W. Pfc
Watson, Joseph Pfc

Walston, E. A. Jr. Pfc
Ward, James E. Sgt
Weir, Colin Pvt
West, Fremont W. T/5
West, Lester T/5
White, Prentiss Pfc
Williams, Acie Pfc
Williams, James L. Pfc
Wilson, Hardy O. Pfc
Wurtzebach, John Pfc

Zalewski, Jos. A. Pfc
Zagata, Theadore Pfc
Zeiber, Lew A. Pfc
Zivkovich, Mich. J. Pfc



COMPANY "I"

COMPANY „I" 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

OFFICERS

Powers, Don M.	Capt.	Rohrbaugh, Bern.	1st Lt.
Boone, John D.	1st Lt.	Reynolds, Karl R.	1st Lt.
Gillespie, Charl. T.	1st Lt.	Greene, James E.	2nd Lt.

ENLISTED MEN

Agee, Everett[5] Jr.	S/Sgt
Alford, Clar. L.	Pfc
Armenake, Thomas	Pfc
Abrams, Kenn. A.	Pvt
Attmore, Rob. M.	Pvt
Brandt, Walter A.	Sgt
Booth, George	S/Sgt
Baldwin, Freddie	Pfc
Barker, Robert C.	Pfc
Bottyon, Harold	Pfc
Boudelle, Elmer H.	Pfc
Baugh, Smith C.	Pfc
Bowling, Clar. L.	Pfc
Brodd, Harold E.	Pfc
Brown, Edward D.	Pfc
Buell, Wilbur B.	Pfc
Burek, John W.	Pfc
Barndollar, Edg. M.	Pvt
Beard, William T.	Pvt
Brewner, Erman G.	Pvt
Brewer, Cl. M. Jr.	Pvt
Brewer, James R.	Pvt
Brick, Victor	Pvt
Budke, Bernard J.	Pvt
Cochenour, J. M.	T/Sgt
Chapman, W. H.	Sgt
Cherry, Eugene V.	Sgt
Collins, Daniel P.	S/Sgt
Clayton, Bern. B.	Cpl
Cowley, W. A. Jr.	T/5
Canavan, Henry J.	Pfc
Carroll, Kenn. M.	Pfc
Clingenpeel, Freder.	Pfc
Commons, John R.	Pfc
Corrigan, Edward	Pfc
Cox, Ralph	Pfc
Calvert, Charles F.	Pfc
Cannizzo, Salv. L.	Pfc
Camac, Daniel R.	Pvt
Chafin, Paul	Pvt
Clark, Baxter S.	Pvt
Cline, Ray R.	Pvt
Crenshaw, W. E.	Pvt
Czalbowski, A. K.	Pvt
Czemiewski, B. J.	Pvt
Casolo, Anthony J.	Pvt
Creswell, Robert	Pvt
Dicks, Don L.	1st Sgt
Downer, Andrew	S/Sgt
Drye, Jasper A.	T/5
Daniel, Calvin C.	T/5
Downey, James M.	T/5
Duerst, Herman A.	Pvt
Dosh, John	Pvt
Elliot, John T.	T/Sgt
Estes, Dewey K.	S/Sgt
Edwards, John T.	Pfc
Extrom, Arthur R.	Pfc
Fichera, Alfio	S/Sgt
Fritz, Edwin J.	Sgt
Florczak, Walt. M.	Pfc
Fraley, Andrew J.	Pfc
French, Joe W.	Pfc
Fancher, Joseph O.	Pvt
Finigan, Grant S.	Pvt
Flynn, James B.	Pvt
Frausto, Sacram. P.	Pvt
Gallagher, Bern. J.	T/Sgt
Gaffney, John J.	Pfc
Gerner, Lester H.	Pfc
Gongaware, J. R.	Pfc
Griffin, John H.	Pfc
Ganczac, Edw. G.	Pvt
Gimmestad, M. W.	Pvt
Gould, James R.	Pvt
Grizzard, Morris C.	Pvt
Gorniak, William J.	Pvt
Hatcher, William H.	Sgt
Hutto, James C.	Sgt
Hacker, Albert J.	Pfc
Hall, Clifford B.	Pfc
Hardin, James	Pfc
Helmick, Gale D.	Pvt
Hendrickson, Gge. M.	
Handish, Melvin O.	T/4
Jones, L. G.	S/Sgt
Isaacs, Clyde E.	T/5
Jones, Thomas F.	Pvt
Jenghlut, Joseph L.	Pvt
Kishbaugh, Rob. J.	Pfc
Kellaway, W. H. Jr.	Pvt
Kirkman, W. G.	Pvt
Lipiec, Alfred S.	Sgt
Levasseur, Rol. R.	Pfc
Lopez, Felix L.	Pfc
Ludwig, Fedor M.	Pvt
Lissak, Harrison M.	Pvt
Mullins, Case, W.	T/4
Martin, Raym. E.	Pfc
Massengill, I. A.	Pfc
McCreary, Low. E.	Pfc
Mendoza, Ann. A.	Pfc
Mooney, James J.	Pfc
Mrowczynski, Zigmund R.	Pfc
Murray, Harry	Pfc
Marculewicz, J. A.	Pvt
McCue, Maur. H.	Pvt
Merriet, William G.	Pvt
Miller, David F. Jr.	Pvt
Milligan, Don. E.	Pvt
Montee, Eugene H.	Pvt
Morgan, W. R. Sr.	Pvt
Muir, Robert J.	Pvt
Orbutzaneck, Ch. F.	Pfc
Orbison, Doyle E.	Pvt
Pedersen, Alfr. M.	S/Sgt
Pelini, Guidio C.	Pfc
Prourko, John A.	Pfc
Richards, Shirley N.	Pfc
Richmond, John H.	Pfc
Robertson, W. R.	Pfc
Rosselli, Carl A.	Pfc
Rozell, George J.	Pfc
Rausch, Casper H.	Pfc
Sauer, Wilbur C.	S/Sgt
Sokola, Steve W.	S/Sgt
Simmons, William M.	Pvt
Stephens, Floyd L.	Cpl
Strahan, Patrick E.	T/5
Shelmerdine, A. G.	Pfc
Sexton, John J.	Pfc
Smith, Frank O. Jr.	Pfc
Smith, Robert W.	Pfc
Stack, Adam A. Jr.	Pfc
Stanger, Herbert A.	Pfc
Starkey, Emmet F.	Pfc
Stemesky, John E.	Pfc
Strawhecker, W. L.	Pfc
Swarzendruber, Donald E	Pfc
Singleton, W. L.	Pvt
Skelley, Frank P.	Pvt
Smith, Kenn. W.	Pvt
Spence, Robert J.	Pvt
Small, James Jr.	Pvt
Teague, Anth. V.	Pfc
Thornburgh, R. E.	Pfc
Thurmon, Bud. P.	Pfc
Tilko, Joseph. J.	Pfc
Taylor, Odem M.	Pvt
Tinsley, Clark G.	Pvt
Topping, Arth. F.	Pvt
Van Horssen, R. W.	Sgt
Valberg, Lawr. D.	Pfc
Vanaskey, George	Pfc
Van Strat, Aaron C.	Pfc
Vaughn, Hillary W.	Pfc
White, Richard W.	Sgt
Wolfe, Roy C.	Tec 5
Webb, Elmer	Pfc
West Jacob	Pfc
Westmorland C.M.	Pfc
White, Bertram E.	Pfc
White, John D.	Pfc
Williamson, J. M.	Pfc
Wilfero, Roy R.	Pfc
Welsh, James P. Jr.	Pvt
White, Eugene D.	Pvt
Wible, Peter F.	Pvt
Wilburn, Mar. H.	Pvt
Williams, G. W.	Pvt
Wilson, Martin W.	Pvt
Wynn, Doyce E.	Pvt
Wynne, Sidney J.	Pvt
Walker, Milton A.	Pvt
Weberg, Charl. A.	Pvt
Yost, Charl. K. Jr.	Pvt
Yablonski, Anth. J.	Pvt
Zeigler, Laronie M.	Pvt
Zotowesite, Edw. L.	Pvt

two miles southwest of the Second Battalion. If they reached their objective, several units to the east of Nijmegen would be forced to withdraw, and supplying anyone north of Groesbeek would be difficult, if not impossible. However, Lt. Polette lead F Company in a counterattack that reestablished the lines in their original positions.

On the 6th of October the entire regiment was detached from the 82d Airborne Division, sent north of the river on the Arnhem-Nijmegen "island", and attached to the 50th British Division. From this date till the 11th of November, the regiment remained in defensive positions, getting two short rests in the city. Although the spotlight of the war had moved further south, to the men who existed in the mud and the rain in Holland, war was still a very real thing. There were no spectacular large scale attacks, but every night several patrols went deep into enemy territory, some staying twenty-four or forty-eight hours. And there was always the spasmodic artillery fire. Living on 14-in-1 "compo" rations was pretty grim, with only the occasional treat of Treecle pudding to look forward to.

On the 11th of November because of an apparent lack of transportation, the regiment walked twenty-two miles to Oss, Holland. Three days later the troopers arrived at their new base camp at Sissonne, France. Casualty totals revealed that 696 of the slightly more than two thousand men who had jumped on September 17th were killed, wounded, or missing. The 508th was the first allied airborne unit to operate in Germany, the first unit to capture prisoners in Germany, and the first unit to kill Krauts in Germany.

Back in France once again, all weapons were sent to ordnance, and most of the combat equipment was salvaged or sent back to the line in Germany. Training reverted to basic subjects. Frequent parades were held, and athletic teams were given high priority. It seemed certain that the regiment with the rest of the 82d Division would at last get a good, long rest.

Soon forty-eight hour passes to Paris were started, and when the first group returned, stories began to circulate that here at last was a serviceman's Mecca — a little bit of America on the wrong side of the Atlantic. Though not quite like home, Paris seemed good enough to make everyone look forward to the next pass.

On the 17th of December word got to Field Marshal von Rundstedt that the 82d was enjoying a rest, and immediately he assembled his best divisions and ordered a tremendous counterattack through the Ardennes in Belgium. This had the desired effect, for on the evening of the same day the division was alerted to make a hasty move by truck to meet the onslaught. By dawn the 508th was as ready to go as it could be. Lacking in winter clothes, the men loaded the trucks in the warmest apparrel they could find. Before dawn on the 19th the trucks were unloaded at Werbomont, Belgium, and because the situation was so fluid, General Gavin had the division establish an all-around defense until more specific orders could be issued. The enemy advance was so rapid that shortly after the last truck cleared Houffalize, the Germans arrived in the city, and the 101st Airborne, following the 82d, was not able to move north, but detrucked and made its epic stand at Bastogne.

Although no contact with the enemy was gained until just before dawn on the 23rd, the regiment moved several times previous to that date to track down the Kraut. A defensive position was established along Thier du Mont ridge west of the Salm River. This placed the outfit in the approximate middle of the north side of the Bulge. The 106th Infantry Division and the 7th Armored Division had been overrun by the first attacks, and were to be supplied with an escape route to the rear by the 82d. For this reason a long finger had been poked out by the division to reach to the Salm, making it possible to evacuate everyone who reached the river. At the tip of this finger was the 508th.

When motorized patrols in front of the MLR contacted a Panzer unit at Petite-Langlir, the German advance had carried them west to Dinant near the Moselle River. The "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st

were at this point surrounded at Bastogne. The breakthrough, although it had been slowed at several points, had not yet been contained. On the evening of the 21st it began to snow.

No large scale attack had developed in the regimental sector by the evening of the 24th, but many vehicles had been withdrawn from the path of the German war machine. The biggest single group of American personnel and materiel to be so evacuated was Task Force Jones, part of the 7th Armored Division, which brought more than four hundred men out after fighting a running battle with the Panzers. During the late afternoon of Christmas Eve, the regimental commander received an order from General Gavin to withdraw his outfit from their present positions. A document had been captured from the Germans ordering a strong attack in the sector held by the division on Christmas morning, and higher headquarters saw fit to order a straightening of the lines to repulse this attack. Therefore the long finger which the 82d had extended into the bulge was ordered back.

Leaving a covering force of one platoon per company plus skeleton crews to man the various CPs, the 508th started moving at nine in the evening, and by the early morning of Christmas Day, 1944, a defense had been established on the high ground straddling the main highway to Liege, along the road joining Basse Bodeux and Villettes. Although the main body was able to withdraw without incident, the covering force of the First Battalion was hit by two battalions of enemy just before midnight, and a large scale attack soon developed on down the line. In what was probably the fiercest fighting anyone in the outfit had seen, Lt. Lamm of A Company led his platoon in an amazing defense. At some time during the evening all but one of his squads were overrun, but the assault was held off long enough to permit the regiment to get in position and to let the covering force get started back. By seven o'clock on Christmas morning the covering force was in the new regimental area, with surprisingly few losses.

On the night of the 25th the enemy hit the new line for the first time on the boundary between A and D Companies. After a pitched battle the Germans withdrew in extreme haste at one in the morning, leaving behind much of their equipment.

On the 28th of December at one-fifteen in the morning the Krauts again struck in what General Gavin later called the final, supreme effort to move down the Liege road. Among the more than one hundred good Germans counted in G and F Companies areas the next morning were men from all but one company of two battalions of the Waffen-SS. The first sign of trouble came when Capt. Russell C. Wilde of G Company informed the battalion commander that his outposts had been driven in. In the artillery barrage that followed all wires to the battalion CP were cut, and Col. Mendez, taking his radio operator with him, immediately left for the scene of the battle. Despite the fact that one platoon was overrun, the platoon leader pivoted his men on the right flank to meet the attack frontally. By a stroke of good fortune a battalion of 155mm howitzers had been attached to the 508th the morning before, and by using the observer in the Third Battalion area, these guns were able to lob their 100 lb. shells on the enemy with deadly accuracy. With 319th Glider Field Artillery adding to this barrage with more than 400 shells, by four the attackers withdrew.

A big push to pinch the Bulge off was started on the 3rd of January by the First Army. The regiment remained in reserve until the 7th of January, at which time they were to seize the same positions on the Thier du Mont ridge from which they had withdrawn more than a week before.

Attacking across open ground, G Company was to lead the regiment. The rest of the outfit would follow in a column of battalions, each unit pushing through to its own objective. Well-camouflaged 88mm rifles held their fire until the paratroopers were within five hundred yards of their muzzles, and then they proceded to very methodically blast G Company. Realizing that to stop meant certain massacre, the company pushed on, sustaining heavy casualties. General Gavin, while visiting the Third Battalion's CP during the attack, said to Major Bell, the executive officier, "Tell Lou Mendez that's the finest job I've ever had done for me."

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Davidson, Jam. D. S/Sgt
Doval, Clarence A. Pfc
Duncan, Thomas P. Sgt
Gilbert, Charles R. Pfc
Hausch, Sidney Tec 4
Harris, Leonard Pfc
Horodyski, Mich. Pfc
Jones, Jean J. Pfc
Karshner, Thom. W. Pfc
Klein, Robert E. Pfc
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Dubeu, Ben J. Pfc
Dyer, Gordon S. Pvt
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Ferreira, Man. L. Pfc
Halas, Edward A. Pvt
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Hughes, George I. Tec 5
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May, Jacob F., Jr. Pvt
Paar, Harold A. S/Sgt
Roberts, Herbert D. Pfc
Sylvester, E. R., Jr. Sgt
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Baudoux, Edwin D. Sgt
De Maggio, Philip Pfc
Lyde, Lacy E. Tec 4
Nelson, Clifford S. 1st Sgt
Stockard, Will. D. Tec 5
Tokunga, Toshio Pfc

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Barth, Albert W. Pfc
Brooks, Henry S/Sgt
Durfee, Wayne E. Tec 4
Epps, Hiram T. Pfc
Giese, Robert A. Pfc
Greenstrand, E. H. Pfc
Hansen, Frank H. Pfc
Kruppa, Jos. L., Jr. Pvt
Kurtz, Albert A. Sgt
Little, Arthur J. Pfc
Moldham, Mich. A. Tec 5
Prall, Wellings, J. Pfc
Ragan, Billy D. Pfc
Shaul, Stanley M. S/Sgt
Shelton, James B Pfc
Spjelder, Waldam. Sgt

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Brown, John E. Sgt
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Darling, Vernon L. Tec 5
Gabhart, Orman E. Pfc
Glenetske, Herm. Pfc
Hoeger, Ramon R. Pfc
Hornyak, Joseph, J. Pfc
Huwe, Elroy V. Pvt
Kelley, William R. Tec 4
McCord, James C. Pfc
Neldon, Fremont J. Pfc
Pratt, Frank W. Pfc
Preston, Thomas W. Pfc
Pyron, Radford W. Pfc
Radley, Donald S. Pfc
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Buckner, Chest. L. Tec 4
Butcher, Cliff. W. Sgt
Carlson, Harry W. Pfc
Cull, Robert E. S/Sgt
Drodnak, John F. Sgt
Fania, Thomas F. Pfc
Hartman, Charl. G. Tec 5
Hesteslee, David F. Pfc
Kopplin, Arthur P. Pfc
Mendez, Gilb. E. Pvt
Mitchell, Asa. B. Pfc
Philip, Delbert H. Pfc
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Warner, Robert F. Pfc
Watson, Robert D. Pfc
Wright, Robert W. Sgt

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Baxter, James Sgt
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Coltza, John S/Sgt
Draper, James B., Jr. Sgt
Eirich, Kenneth C. Pfc
Grigenis, Frank J. Pfc
McCoy, Freddie L. Pfc
Rosengren, Edw. L. Sgt
Teudel, Celest. A. Pfc

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Blackman, Milton Pfc
Dauer, Harry E. Pfc
Kidd, Isaac L. Pfc
Lehan, George R. Pfc
Loveday, Dougl. B. Pvt
Pellegrino, Hec. L. Pfc
Pippin, Jack P. Sgt
Powars, John W. Sgt
Reisset, Jack A. Sgt
Robertson, Cecil D. Sgt
Rodiger, Robert J. Pfc
Runkle, Franklin A. Pfc
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On the 10th of January the regiment, relieved by part of the 75th Division, moved to a rest area near Chevron, Belgium to regroup. In less than a month 900 men and officers had become casualties, of which more than forty per cent were victims of the weather rather than enemy shells.

During this rest the tide of battle changed in Belgium. The Kraut, reeling from the Allied counter-blows, was holding the line with Volksgrenadier-Divisions, allowing the first-line Panzer, Panzer-Grenadier, and Waffen-SS troops to withdraw to comparative safety. The offensive was wrested from the hands of von Rundstedt. On the 21st of January the Red Devils returned to the line for three days in Deidenberg until relieved by the 424th Infantry, sole remaining regiment of the badly battered 106th Division.

On the 28th the division jumped off in an attack that was headed due east to the heart of Germany. Immediate objectives were the Seigfried Line defenses. The next four days were memorable not for the enemy resistance that was met, but for the extreme cold and fatigue. In addition to the physical strain caused by walking through knee-deep snow carrying not only weapons and ammunition, but also all the blankets necessary to keep from freezing, there was the constant mental anguish caused by the common knowledge that anyone wounded in the thick, snow-bound woods would probably die from exposure before he could be evacuated.

Jerry was sitting confidently behind his defenses, knowing full well that the terrain to his front was now practically inaccessible. His certainty that no one could keep supply lines open in such weather, using the miserable ruts that served for roads, was probably the largest single factor contributing to the surprise that assured the success of the operation.

At dawn on the 29th of January the First Battalion jumped off at four in the morning, attacking towards the small village of Holzheim. On their way to the town, while still in the approach march, two Kraut wiremen wandering up the trail were captured. This seemed to indicate that surprise would be complete. B Company attacked from the north, while C Company approached the town from the southwest. The town was soon taken, and about eighty prisoners with it.

At about this time 1st Sgt. Leonard A. Funk took the spotlight. As C Company was entering the town they received direct fire from light self-propelled artillery weapons in the town. Sgt. Funk led the assault on these weapons, and they were soon neutralized. A Second Battalion contact patrol, captured by the enemy, was brought into the town by some unsuspecting Krauts. The German officer in charge took advantage of his ability to speak English and the snowsuit which hid his identity. He boldly approached the guards and bluffed his way to where the prisoners were, and then began to rearm them. Just as a counterattack was about to materialize, Sgt. Funk walked in. The Kraut officer stuck a machine-pistol in the sergeant's ribs, telling him to surrender. Sgt. Funk answered with a burst from his Tommy-gun. Taking the lead from the sergeant's actions, the rest of the men in the area soon helped quell the disturbance. Sgt. Funk has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his deeds.

Artic equipment was not yet available, and frostbite was rampant. The towns through which the regiment passed were just a series of names — they all looked the same, pounded until they offered almost no shelter, and there was always another one that had to be taken just over the next ridge. On the 1st of February the regiment reached its objective, and on the 4th, just inside Germany, the 99th Division took over the area, the paratroopers moving to Rencheux for a few days of rest.

In Holland the supply situation had been critical, and by working tirelessly around the clock the truck drivers and supply men of the regiment had been able to procure almost anything the men on the line needed. But it was during this push to the Seigfried that Major James R. Casteel and his entire supply section outdid themselves. Not only were they facing a shortage of many items, but also routes of supply through the thick woods were practically non-existant. The success or failure of the mission depended largely on keeping the Kraut reeling once the drive started, and naturally the men could move forward

only as long as they were receiving ammunition and other vital supplies. The very fact that the attack did not bog down pays tribute to the S-4 men.

The outfit moved to a spot east of Aachen, near Schmidt, Germany, where they were to spearhead a drive to the west banks of the Roer River, sole remaining obstacle before American armor could roll across the plains of Cologne. First Battalion jumped off in the attack on the 10th of February at two in the morning. As they approached Hill 400, Company C ran into an extensive field of anti-personnel mines covered by mortars and at least five machineguns. Sustaining heavy casualties, this company was pulled back and replaced with Company A after the minefield had been subjected to intensive fire by the 319th Field Artillery. Company A then pushed on through the minefield. Mine detectors were of almost no value against the wooden Schu Mines, and heavy casualties resulted. At 0930 the Second Battalion pushed through, and by nightfall all resistance west of the Roer was eliminated.

Because the Krauts had managed to flood the river, the regiment remained in position until the 18th of February. On that day the 78th Division crossed the Roer and the troopers moved to an assembly area near Aachen, where they loaded the 40-and-8s, arriving at the base camp at Sissonne on the 20th.

Back at Sissonne everyone relaxed until the beginning of April. During the regiment's visit to Belgium and Germany hospitals had moved into the buildings previously used as billets, and a tent camp awaited the 508th's return. Microscopic extra rations were consumed with hearty delight, and passes to England, Brussels, and Paris, though also microscopic in number, were thoroughly enjoyed by the lucky few.

On the 14th and 15th of March the three battalions made a practise jump, followed by a short problem. Tragedy struck when one of the last planes in the first lift threw a propellor over the DZ and crash-dived through the descending troopers. Several men, picked up on the wing of the diving plane, were carried to their death.

On the 24th of March all eyes were turned skyward as hundreds of C-47s, laden with troopers, winged their way towards the Rhine. For once the Red Devils were able to sit one out, and nobody was very sad about it. April 3rd saw the regiment detached from the 82d, alerted again, waiting at airfields near Chartres, west of Paris. Although under a 48-hour jump alert to liberate Allied PWs threatened with massacre or movement deeper into the Fatherland, the stay at the airfield turned out to be the best deal the outfit had had in quite a while, for nearly everyone got into Paris on pass. Victory Day in Europe found the 508th still at the airfield.

The regimental combat team during all three campaigns included, in addition to the 508th, the 319 Glider Field Artillery, Company D of the 307th Airborne Engineers, and B Battery of the 80th Airborne AA Battalion. Not enough credit can be given these units for it was almost always with their help that the regiment was able to accomplish its mission. The 319th supported every offensive and defensive action in which the regiment participated, while the engineers assisted in river crossings as well as laying and clearing mines in conjunction with the regimental demolition section. The 57mm anti-tank guns of the 80th AA were often the only protection the regiment had against tanks other than bazookas.

Shortly after the Germans surrendered the regiment was returned to Sissonne long enough to prepare for a moment into Germany. The 508th was slated for the Army of Occupation. In fact, it moved to Frankfurt-am-Main as guards for General Eisenhower's headquarters. Billeted in apartments that were complete in every detail, with Special Services growing better all the time, few of the men doubted that by the time most of the redeployment was finished, the regiment would have the best deal in the ETO. Here, as well as at the airfields, and again at Sissonne, the men with the highest points under the redeployment system were transferred to outfits slated for the States, where they would receive discharges.

Bedecked in white parachute silk scarves and white gloves, the men of the 508th soon showed that they could be as good garrison soldiers as they were fighting men. Among other duties the regiment

stood honor guards for visiting dignitaries. In this respect the last week of July was high-point for the troopers when, on the occasion of the Big Three meeting in Berlin, the Third Battalion stood honor guard for the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, and Secretaries of War and the Navy. All of these dignitaries commented on the fine appearance of the troops.

The purpose of this narrative has not been to create the impression that the 508th has won the war — far from it, the outfit was only in combat for one hundred fifty-four days, much less than many units. However, the fact that 9,654 men and officers were on the rolls of the regiment during the first three years of its life, exclusive of the men unsuccessful in their attempts to be admitted at Camp Blanding in 1942, pays tribute to the fact that when the regiment did go to battle, the fighting was pretty rough. Like every other parachute infantry regiment, the 508th is proud of the fact that she was asked to do more, with less equipment, on less food, and practically without transportation, than other outfits.

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