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Mason City Paratrooper Awarded Bronze Medal

With 82nd Airborne Division Spearheading Invasion on D-Day

Pvt. Frank "Speck" Haddy, paratrooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Haddy, 525 Carolina S. E., has been awarded the bronze star medal for heroic conduct with the 82nd airborne division, which spearheaded the invasion in France, landing by parachute and glider several hours before H-hour on D-day, according to announcement from headquarters of the division.

Five hundred and seventeen medals were awarded to officers and enlisted men of the division and distributed as follows: 317 bronze stars for heroic conduct; 2 oak leaf clusters to the bronze star; 112 silver stars; 3 oak leaf clusters to the silver star; 63 bronze stars for meritorious service, and 20 soldier's medals.

The division, commanded by Maj.-Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, had captured the important junction of Ste. Mere Eglise 3 hours before the seaborne forces began landing, according to the story sent from headquarters.

Pvt. Haddy, according to an earlier story, received here, was wounded in France on July 25. He had written his parents from France that most of the weapons they were using were those captured from the Germans there. Haddy has been overseas since last December.

PVT. FRANK HADDY

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