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HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 81

20 January 1946

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 10)

1. Pursuant to Radio DX 74688 PD, Hq Eighth Army, 19 January, 1946, and letter order No. 1-47, 21 January 1946, Hq 8th Army, the 81st Counter-Intelligence Corps Detachment (less personnel and equipment) is relieved from attachment to 81st Infantry Division, effective 19 January, 1946.

2. Pursuant to Letter Order 1-6, Headquarters Eighth Army, dated 9 January, 1946, and under provisions of War Department Readjustment Regulations 1-6, the following units are inactivated at Amori, Japan effective 20 January, 1946:

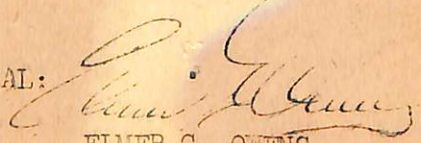
- Headquarters 81st Infantry Division
- Headquarters Special Troops, 81st Infantry Division
- Headquarters Company, 81st Infantry Division
- 81st Signal Company
- 81st Quartermaster Company
- 781st Ordnance Light Maintenance Company
- 321st Infantry Regiment
- 322d Infantry Regiment
- 323d Infantry Regiment
- Headquarters & Headquarters Battery and Medical Detachment, 81st Division Artillery
- 316th Field Artillery Battalion
- 317th Field Artillery Battalion
- 318th Field Artillery Battalion
- 906th Field Artillery Battalion
- 306th Engineer Combat Battalion
- 306th Medical Battalion
- 81st Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized
- 81st Infantry Division Band
- MP Platoon, 81st Infantry Division

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MUELLER:

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HEADQUARTERS 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION
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18 January 1946

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 9)

Section I - Award of the Silver Star
Section II - Award of the Bronze Star Medal

SECTION I - AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD 1918), and authority delegated in Par 7 a, Cir No. 4, Headquarters Eighth Army, 30 September 1944, a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Durkin Corporal THOMAS J. DURKIN (39244154), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 20 September 1944. Corporal Durkin a member of an infantry cannon company which was advancing with its motorized guns in support of an attack being stubbornly resisted by the enemy, with complete disregard for his own safety, seized the initiative by manning a 50-caliber machine gun on the leading vehicle and accurately and coolly placing fire on the enemy's positions. His initiative, grim determination and bravery aided in directing fire on enemy guns and insured a successful advance. However by so doing he brought the enemy's fire on himself and was blown from his exposed gun and seriously wounded by explosion of an enemy artillery shell. Corporal Durkin, by his unflinching devotion to duty, was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Home Address: Mrs. Anna Durkin, (Grandmother), 515 Nagara Street, San Francisco, California.

Mayse Private First Class MELVIN O. MAYSE (37537766), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 27 September 1944. Private Mayse, a rifleman, was accompanying his squad leader, in an attack through rough coral ridges and thick jungle growth, when a group of the enemy wounded both men by hand grenades. This intrepid soldier unmindful of his wounds, attacked the enemy in close combat and drove them from their position. By this action Private Mayse greatly facilitated the advance of his platoon. Only after the action was complete and after he had assisted his severely wounded squad leader, did he report for treatment of his own wounds. By this action Private Mayse exemplified the finest soldierly traditions of the Combat Infantryman. Home Address: Mr. Joe H. Mayse, (Father), 1222 Henry Street, Saint Joseph, Missouri.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) and authority delegated in Par 7 a, Cir No. 4, Headquarters Eighth Army, 30 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Gorski Captain (then First Lieutenant) STANLEY GORSKI, JR., (01286114), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. When his platoon was forced back by enemy machine gun fire from a position in a cave entrance, Captain Gorski, aided by the covering fire of a single rifleman, went forward and destroyed the installation by placing and exploding a demolition charge. This act was accomplished by Captain Gorski at great personal risk, inasmuch as the enemy occupied not only the cave but the top of the coral cliff above the cave entrance. Captain Gorski's courageous action cleared the way and inspired his platoon to a successful attack. Home Address: Mrs. Helen Gorski, (Wife), 15471 Rockdale Avenue, Detroit, 23, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant RAY NIEDERHOFER, (38162466), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, 28 September 1944. Sergeant Niederhofer volunteered to move forward under enemy fire with his platoon leader on a hazardous mission of destroying enemy positions in a cave entrance. Headless of the danger, he advanced to a favorable position from which he successfully covered by fire the platoon leader in the cave where an explosive charge completed the mission. His courage and devotion to duty, and his leadership of his platoon in further successful operations. Home Address: (Mother), Oakhurst, Texas.

Major MARVIN ROY CAMPBELL for meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy from 17 September 1942 to 15 August 1944. Home Address: Mr. Minot, North Dakota.

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For the period 26 September 1942 to 15 August 1944. Home Address: Mr. Minot, North Dakota. (Wife),

- Coakley** Captain JAMES G. COAKLEY, (01113144), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with preparation and training of his unit for, and action during military operations against the enemy from 15 July 1944 to 17 January 1945 on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, Caroline Islands. Home Address: Mr. John A. Coakley, (Father), 188 Everett Place, Englewood, New Jersey.
- Evans** Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) JOHN R. EVANS, (0255997), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in the operation against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, Western Carolines, during the period 18 September to 23 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Emily B. Evans, (Wife), P.O. No. 53, Grand Cane, Louisiana.
- Forsman** Lieutenant Colonel HUGH K. FORSMAN, (0173844), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13--27 November 1944. Home Address: Mrs. H. K. Forsman, (Wife), 143 Covington Street, Oakland, California.
- Gates** Captain LARRY W. GATES, (01100997), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy in the Western Caroline Islands from 17 September to 26 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Ursula P. Wassburg, (Sister), 1658 Burton Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Gerwig** Captain HENRY E. GERWIG, JR. (01289362), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, Western Carolines from 23 October to 27 November 1944. Home Address: Dr. H. C. Gerwig, (Father), Downing, Missouri.
- Kaiser** Captain ALFRED E. KAISER, (0111701), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy in the Western Caroline Islands from 17 September to 26 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Roberta C. Kaiser, (Wife), 1128 13th Avenue, Texada Apartments, Seattle, Washington.
- Kitson** Captain WALTER R. KITSON, (0391837), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 July 1944 to 17 January 1945 on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, Caroline Islands. Home Address: Mrs. Mary A. Kitson, (Wife), 221 Hampton, Syracuse, New York.
- Paolini** Major VICTOR E. PAOLINI, (0456379), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the Western Caroline Islands from 17 September to 26 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Edith A. Paolini, (Wife), 5410 Barrett Street, Richmond, California.
- Reynolds** Captain WILLIAM R. REYNOLDS JR., (01109616), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 July 1944 to 17 January 1945 on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, Caroline Islands. Home Address: Mrs. William R. Reynolds Jr., (Wife), 504 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada.
- Rieger** First Lieutenant NORMAN H. RIEGER, JR., (01552586), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Western Pacific during the period 17 September to 27 November 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Norman H. Rieger, (Wife), 4628 Forbes Street, Pittsburg 13, Pennsylvania.
- Sturblefield** Captain ALBERT G. STURBLEFIELD JR., (01284046), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island during the period 25 October to 27 November 1944. Home Address: Mrs. A. G. Sturblefield, (Wife), 819 West 12th Street, Pueblo, Colorado.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL MUELLER:

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Major MARVIN ROY CAMPBELL, (01283721), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations during the period 26 September 1942 to 15 August 1945. As company commander and as battalion staff officer, Major Campbell contributed materially in the early training, preparation for field service, and successful combat of the battalion. During the operations in the Palau Islands, Western Carolines, he conducted frequent reconnaissance missions under enemy fire. By his zealous attention to duty, technical knowledge and inspiring leadership he made a most important contribution to the success of his unit. Home Address: Mrs. M. R. Campbell, (Wife), Minot, North Dakota.

Captain JAMES G. COAKLEY, (01113144), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with preparation and training of his unit for, and action during military operations against the enemy from 15 July 1944 to 17 January 1945 on Angaur and Peleliu Island, Palau Group, Caroline Islands. Captain Coakley through his leadership and devotion to duty maintained a superior state of efficiency and morale during the preparation and operational phase of the campaign. His excellent organization and protection of the supply dumps on Angaur Island materially added to the success of the operation. Captain Coakley preceded his company ashore on Peleliu Island and conducted reconnaissance that made possible the expeditious landing of vital supplies under difficult conditions. Home Address: Mr. John A. Coakley, (Father), 188 Everett Place, Englewood, New Jersey.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) JOHN R. EVANS, (0255997), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in the operation against the enemy on Angaur Island, Palau Group, Western Carolines, during the period 18 September to 23 October 1944. In the capacity of Division graves registration officer, Colonel Evans made the initial reconnaissances for cemetery sites under enemy fire, and prepared the Division cemetery for burials under difficult conditions. His supervision of details of collection and processing of the dead for burial was energetically done and without regard for his personal safety. Because of his efficiency in caring for the remains of those killed in action he materially enhanced the Division's morale under trying circumstances of close combat. Home Address: Mrs. Emily B. Evans, (Wife), Grand Cane, Louisiana.

Lieutenant Colonel HUGH K. FORSMAN, (0173844), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, 13--27 November 1944. In his capacity as infantry battalion commander Lieutenant Colonel Forsman planned and executed the seizure of a series of difficult terrain features as part of the final assault which succeeded in annihilating the remnants of the enemy force on Peleliu Island. On one occasion he conducted a terrain reconnaissance in a tank within the enemy's lines and frequently circulated among his front line troops to encourage them in the combat. Lieutenant Colonel Forsman contributed materially to the success of his command in its operations against the Japanese. Home Address: Mrs. H. K. Forsman, (Wife), 143 Covington Street, Oakland, California.

Captain LARRY W. GATES, (01100997), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy in the Western Caroline Islands from 17 September to 26 October 1944. Captain Gates was given the task of clearing a shipping lane through the coral reefs in Ulithi Atoll and in assisting in clearing an air strip on Falalop Island. Heavy surf and tropical storms made his tasks extremely difficult, but by untiring efforts and initiative, he successfully accomplished his missions. His contribution to the development of Ulithi Atoll materially assisted in making it a suitable base for further operations against the enemy. Home Address: Mrs. Ursula P. Wassburg, (Sister), 1658 Balyon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Captain HENRY E. GERWIG, JR., (01289362), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, Western Carolines from 23 October to 27 November 1944. As a staff officer of an infantry battalion in combat during this period Captain Gerwig was tireless in the performance of the many detailed duties pertaining to intelligence and operations. He visited the front lines daily to ascertain the situation and frequently was under enemy fire while so engaged. His meticulous attention to detail, his disregard of danger, and his indefatigable efforts, enabled him to contribute materially to the success of his battalion in the operation. Home Address: Dr. H. C. Gerwig, (Father), Downing, Missouri.

Captain ALFRED E. KAISER, (0111701), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy in the Western Caroline Islands from 17 September to 26 October 1944. The company commanded by Captain Kaiser was assigned to assist in clearing an air strip on Falalop Island, Ulithi Atoll. He overcame many difficulties and accomplished his mission by tireless efforts, energetic direction, and organizing ability. Captain Kaiser contributed materially to the early establishment of a base on Ulithi for further operations against the enemy. Home Address: Mrs. Roberta C. Kaiser, (Wife) 1128 13th Avenue, Texada Apartments, Seattle, Washington.

Captain WALTER R. KITSON, (0391837), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 July 1944 to 17 January 1945 on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, Caroline Islands. Through leadership and devotion to duty Captain Kitson maintained a high state of morale and efficiency during the operational and planning phases of the operation. Preceding his troops ashore, he conducted reconnaissance which resulted in the expeditious and efficient unloading of supplies on the beach, and his prompt action in deploying troops to meet a counterattack was responsible for repulsing a serious enemy threat to our supplies. Captain Kitson's initiative and personal supervision also materially assisted in the successful completion of a vital supply road while under enemy sniper fire. Home Address: Mrs. Mary A. Kitson, (Wife), 221 Hampton, Syracuse, New York.

Major VICTOR E. PAOLINI, (0456379), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the Western Caroline Islands from 17 September to 26 October 1944. As a staff officer of a combat engineer battalion, Major Paolini was required to plan the construction of an air strip on Ulithi Atoll, and to initiate the work. Though hampered by storms, heavy jungle growth and limited equipment, the mission was completed ahead of schedule. By reason of technical skill, initiative, and tireless effort, Major Paolini contributed materially to the development of Ulithi Atoll as an operational base. Home Address: Mrs. Edith A. Paoline, (Wife), 5410 Barrett Street, Richmond, California.

Captain WILLIAM R. REYNOLDS, JR., (01109616), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 July 1944 to 17 January 1945 on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, Caroline Islands. Captain Reynolds displayed outstanding initiative in maintaining a high state of morale and efficiency in his company during the preparation for and operations against the enemy. Preceding his troops ashore for reconnaissance and organization, he twice organized and operated beaches in support of operations inland. His perseverance and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all officers and men of his command. Home Address: Mrs. William R. Reynolds, Jr., (Wife), 504 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada.

First Lieutenant NORMAN H. RIEGER, JR., (01552586), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Western Pacific during the period 17 September to 27 November 1944. As Division ordnance evacuation and recovery officer during the combat phase on Angaur and Peleliu Islands, Palau Group, Lieutenant Rieger rendered outstanding service in clearing the battlefields of captured Japanese ammunition dumps and other ordnance material. Much of his work was performed close to the front lines and frequently under fire, in order to prevent the recapture of the material urgently needed by the enemy. By reason of his initiative, technical skill, fearlessness, and devotion to duty, Lieutenant Rieger contributed materially to the success of the operations of the Division. Home Address: Mrs. Norman H. Rieger, (Wife), 4628 Forbes Street, Pittsburg 13, Pennsylvania.

Captain ALBERT G. STURBLEFIELD, JR., (01284046), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in action against the enemy on Peleliu Island during the period 25 October to 27 November 1944. As Battalion Operations Officer, Captain Stubblefield regularly visited front line positions over difficult and precipitous terrain while exposed to enemy fire, thereby lending encouragement to the troops and aiding in coordinating operations against the enemy. On one occasion he voluntarily assumed command of a front line company when its company commander was evacuated for combat fatigue and the company was disorganized due to casualties. He reorganized the company such that it held its position against an enemy night attack and restored its fighting spirit. Captain Stubblefield's constant leadership and outstanding performance of duty were an inspiration to all those who served with him. Home Address: Mrs. A. G. Stubblefield, (Wife), 819 West 12th Street, Pueblo, Colorado.

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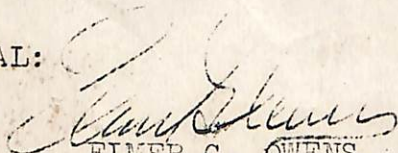
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1. Pursuant to authority contained in radiogram JOT 570, IX Corps, dated 16 January 1946, the 313th Headquarters Intelligence Service Organization is relieved from attachment to 81st Infantry Division, effective 1 January 1946.

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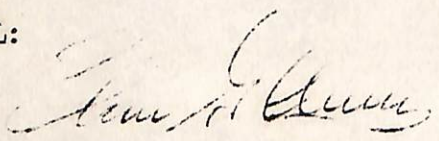
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Pursuant to authority contained in Letter Order No. 1-4, Hq. Eighth Army, the 184th Chemical Service Platoon is relieved of assignment to 81st Infantry Division, effective 10 January 1946.

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NUMBER 6)

As the period of participation by the 81st Infantry Division in World War II draws to a close, the record in General orders of names of those from its ranks who gave up their lives while serving their country overseas in the Pacific Theatre in addition to those listed in General Orders Number 54, 26 May 1945 and in General Orders Number 51, 23 October 1944, is completed by the following list:

321st Inf

1ST LT RAYMOND E. POERNER, 01302189
Sgt Paul G. Dancik, 37279404
Pfc Chello J. Abundis, 39419736
Pfc Albert Alberts, 16197746
Pfc Charles J. Waldron, 32637095
Pfc Tharon E. Virden, 38576765
Pfc Robert J. Colombo, 39867281

322d Inf

Pfc Jack P. Ratliff Jr., 34329167
Pvt Jack E. Moore, 38682483

323d Inf

Pfc Lawrence H. Stratch, 38067332
Pfc Ruben C. Cota, 39728372

306th Engr Combat Bn

1ST LT LAWRENCE J. SYRACUSE, 01115430
2D LT BENJAMIN C. IVESTER, 01323263
Tec 5 Roy L. Foreman, 39606345
Pfc Henry R. Cates, 31386399
Pfc Delma R. Meeks, 38340619
Pfc Edwin T. Wujcik, 33669925
Pvt John E. Adkins, 38576544

306th Med Bn

Pvt Jesse W. Bales, 39734499

Special Troops, 81st Inf Div

Tec 3 Roy D. Ouimette, 12172531
Tec 4 Joseph L. Misuirra, 33082071

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NUMBER 5)

Pursuant to authority contained in radiogram JOT 551, IX Corps, the following units are relieved from attachment to 81st Infantry Division, effective 10 January 1946.

- ✓ 155th Engineer (C) Battalion
- 167th Evacuation Hospital
- 408th Medical Collecting Company
- 3573d Ordnance (MM) Company
- ✓ 634th Ordnance Ammunition Company
- ✓ 3227th Ordnance Depot Company
- 985th Quartermaster Service Company
- 109th Vet Food Inspection Detachment
- 438th QM Laundry Detachment
- ✓ 355th QM Laundry Detachment
- ✓ 175th QM Laundry Detachment
- 2d Section 2d Platoon, 588th QM Laundry Company
- 3d and 4th Platoons, 420th QM Bakery Company
- 248th Army Postal Unit
- ✓ Armed Forces Radio Station WTH (Rations and Quarters Only)

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 5)

Pursuant to authority contained in radiogram JOT 551, IX Corps, the following units are relieved from attachment to 81st Infantry Division, effective 10 January 1946.

155th Engineer (C) Battalion
167th Evacuation Hospital
408th Medical Collecting Company
3573d Ordnance (MM) Company
634th Ordnance Ammunition Company
3227th Ordnance Depot Company
985th Quartermaster Service Company
109th Vet Food Inspection Detachment
438th QM Laundry Detachment
355th QM Laundry Detachment
175th QM Laundry Detachment
2d Section 2d Platoon, 588th QM Laundry Company
3d and 4th Platoons, 420th QM Bakery Company
248th Army Postal Unit
Armed Forces Radio Station WTH (Rations and Quarters Only)

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GENERAL ORDERS)

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Section I - Award of the Bronze Star Medal
Section II - Award of the Air MedalSECTION I - AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), and authority delegated in Par 7 a, Cir No. 4, Headquarters Eighth Army, 30 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sirak

Captain JOHN A. SIRAK, (0463684), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, during the period 18 September to 4 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Virginia Sirak (Wife), 213 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania.

Magner

First Lieutenant HAROLD J. MAGNER, JR. (01301174), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 8 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Harold Magner (Wife), 3626 Noble Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Summers

Captain NELSON A. SUMMERS (01284049) Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Jearl Dean Summers (Wife), 1134 Culebra Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

SECTION II - AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942) as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and authority delegated in Par 7 a, Cir No. 4, Headquarters Eighth Army, 30 September 1944, an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Wood

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) CHARLES F. WOOD III. (0449259) Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, during the period 17 September to 10 October 1944. Lieutenant Wood flew a total of approximately 40 hours during these operations. All of these flights involved direct combat missions of reconnaissance, observation, and adjustments of artillery and naval gunfire. Flying during the initial phases of the Angaur Operation as an observer in a carrier based Navy TBF he obtained highly valuable intelligence information as to disposition of enemy troops and installations and positions of friendly front lines. On one of these missions, flying at extremely low altitudes to obtain better observation, his plane was struck by enemy antiaircraft fire. From 19 September to 10 October 1944 he flew as an observer in a slow, unarmed, unarmored, liaison-type aircraft, directing artillery fire and obtaining valuable intelligence information. Lieutenant Wood displayed outstanding courage and professional skill in carrying out missions over enemy held territory in the face of hostile antiaircraft fire. Home Address: Mr. Fox Wood (Father), 430 20th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Wathen

Captain THOMAS N. WATHEN (01165355), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy in the Palau Group, Western Carolines, during the period 8 October to 1 November 1944. As a liaison officer attached to an infantry regiment Captain Wathen directed fire of Marine Artillery which was supporting the regiment during combat on Peleliu Island. In addition to his ground observation Captain Wathen volunteered to fly as an observer in an unarmed and unarmored liaison-type airplane. During this period he flew 18 missions over Peleliu and adjacent islands. Captain Wathen's flights, which were made in addition to his other duties, contributed greatly to the success of the operations in the southern Palaus. Home Address: Mrs. Tilda Jayne Wathen (Wife), 2610 McCallum Drive, Austin, Texas.


Judson First Lieutenant FRANKLIN S. JUDSON, (0461380), Field Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September to 10 October 1944. Lieutenant Judson flew a total of approximately 40 hours as an aerial observer during this operation which involved direct combat missions of reconnaissance, observation and adjustment of artillery fire. Flying during the initial phases of the Angaur operation in a carrier-based Navy TBF he obtained highly valuable intelligence information as to disposition of enemy troops and installations and directed artillery fire on the enemy from this high speed plane. On 18 September Lieutenant Judson was observer on a liaison type aircraft which flew from the flight deck of a Navy CVE Carrier to an improvised airstrip on Peleliu Island. From 19 September to 10 October, he flew missions as an observer in an unarmed and unarmored aircraft, directing artillery fire, obtaining valuable intelligence information, and taking pictures of enemy installations. He displayed professional skill and courage in carrying out missions over enemy-held territory in the face of hostile anti-aircraft and ground fire for long periods of time. Home Address: Mr. Franklin I. Judson (Father), 1185 Park Avenue, New York City, New York.

Barr First Lieutenant JACK E. BARR, (01172368), Field Artillery. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 18 September to 10 October 1944. Lieutenant Barr flew a total of approximately 40 hours as an aerial observer during this operation which involved direct combat missions of reconnaissance, observation and adjustment of artillery fire. On 18 September 1944, he was an observer on a liaison type aircraft which flew from the flight deck of a Navy CVE Carrier to an improvised airstrip on Peleliu Island. From 19 September to 10 October, he flew missions as an observer in an unarmed and unarmored aircraft, directing artillery fire, obtaining valuable intelligence information and taking pictures of enemy installations. Lieutenant Barr displayed professional skill and commendable courage in carrying out missions over enemy-held territory in the face of hostile anti-aircraft and ground fire for long periods of time. Home Address: Mrs J. Barr (Mother), 3390 West 117th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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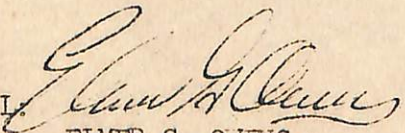
Captain JOHN A. SIRAK, (0463684), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, during the period 18 September to 4 October 1944. On 18 September Captain Sirak voluntarily replaced an officer who had become a casualty, and assumed control of the beach evacuation section. He expedited the rapid evacuation of casualties while under enemy fire. On 1 October he volunteered to replace, in the forward combat area, the assistant surgeon of an infantry battalion who had been wounded and evacuated. In this capacity he performed outstanding work in caring for wounded and in administering emergency medical treatment. His devotion to duty, courage, fine leadership and ability to adapt himself to any situation resulted in material, prompt aid for many battle casualties. Home Address: Mrs. Virginia Sirak (wife), 213 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant HAROLD J. MAGNER, JR. (01301174), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 8 October 1944. While leading his platoon on a combat patrol among cliffs and pinnacles constituting the enemy final defensive position on the Island, Lieutenant Magner was suddenly taken under intense enemy small-arms and grenade fire. One of his men was struck by an enemy bullet and lay severely wounded, and exposed to further enemy fire. As Lieutenant Magner reached the side of the wounded man, the latter was struck by a second bullet and more seriously wounded. After applying first aid, Lieutenant Magner carried the man, in view of the enemy, to a covered position. By this brave action Lieutenant Magner displayed calmness and leadership that gave confidence to and inspired the men of his command. Home Address: Mrs. Harold Magner (wife), 3626 Noble Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Captain NELSON A. SUMMERS (01284049) Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 26 September 1944. When enemy forces attempted to infiltrate the perimeter defense of the infantry company of which he commanded, Captain Summers, with complete disregard for his personal safety, left the security of his trench to search for a member of his company who had been seriously wounded by an enemy grenade. After finding the wounded man, Captain Summers rendered first aid and remained with him until more adequate medical care could be secured. This act, demonstrating exceptional courage in the face of the enemy, was an inspiration to all members of the company. Home Address: Mrs. Jearl Dean Summers (wife), 1134 Culebra Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

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NUMBER 3)AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), and authority delegated in Par 7 a, Cir No. 4, Headquarters Eighth Army, 30 September 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 81st Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Pidgeon

First Lieutenant FRANK C. PIDGEON, JR. (01296082), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. While performing his duties as antitank platoon leader, First Lieutenant Pidgeon volunteered to go into an area covered by enemy fire to evacuate a wounded soldier. While moving forward with others at great risk, the enemy opened with machine gun fire, wounding three of the group. Despite his own wound Lieutenant Pidgeon succeeded in getting the other wounded to a place of safety. Lieutenant Pidgeon's outstanding courage and leadership was an inspiration to the men of his command. Home Address: Mr. Frank C. Pidgeon, Sr. (Father), 294 South Highland Avenue, Memphis Tennessee.

Aagard

Technical Sergeant EUGENE J. AAGARD (39027148), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 2 October 1944. The advance of the company of which Technical Sergeant Aagard was a member, was checked by heavy enemy fire which had cost the lives of two men of its leading elements. Alone, at the risk of his life, he voluntarily advanced to a position within close range of the enemy and delivered accurately aimed fire, killing two of the enemy riflemen and wounding several others. Taking advantage of this action his platoon moved forward to secure commanding ground to cover the advance of the remainder of the company. Technical Sergeant Aagard undoubtedly shortened the operation considerably, as through his courage and bold initiative valuable knowledge was gained of the terrain beyond the ridge, thus permitting an early assault upon the enemy in his final defensive area. Home Address: Mrs. Ollie S. Aagard (Mother), RR #2, Box No. 24, Provo, Utah.

Bentley

Technician Grade Three (the Technician Grade Four) BILLY BENTLEY (14120302), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 8 October 1944. Technician Bentley, a company aid man, was a member of a reconnaissance patrol seeking information of the terrain and enemy positions. On its return a member of the patrol was wounded. Although himself partially disabled with a sprained ankle Technician Bentley, with total disregard of his personal safety, immediately went back through the enemy fire to render first aid. He managed to move the wounded soldier to a less exposed place where he remained with and protected his patient until other troops could complete the rescue. Technician Bentley's unselfish devotion to duty undoubtedly saved his seriously wounded comrade from certain death. Home Address: Mrs. Willie Zona Bentley (Wife), 503 Green Street, Thomaston, Georgia.

Hart

Sergeant (then Private First Class) CHARLES H. HART, JR. (33795580) Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 25 September 1944. While the company of which Sergeant Hart was a member was preparing a perimeter defense for the night, a Japanese machine gun suddenly fired on the troops wounding a soldier near him. At a great personal risk Sergeant Hart crawled into the open, under fire and removed his wounded comrade from the enemy line of fire. Leaving the wounded man with the company aid man, he secured litter bearers and led them back to complete the evacuation. This act of fortitude and courage by Sergeant Hart was inspiring to all the men of his organization. Home Address: Mrs. Lillian May Hart (Wife), 1607 East Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Amos Technician Grade Four PAUL C. AMOS (34307417), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 15 October 1944. During close combat in difficult terrain a member of the company of which Technician Amos was a member, was seriously wounded and remained on a ridge exposed to enemy observation and sniper fire. Although realizing the danger of attempting the rescue, Technician Amos accompanied by another man managed to reach the soldier in the isolated position. The wounded man was carried with great effort to a place of safety across fire-swept terrain. Technician Amos' disregard of personal danger in execution of this act was an inspiration to all observing troops. Home Address: Mrs. Mary A. Amos (Mother), RFD #2, Box 33, Sandy Ridge, North Carolina.

Ciciora Sergeant JOSEPH CICIORA (36351202), Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 30 September 1944. While performing his duties as a member of a supply-carrying detail, Sergeant Ciciora volunteered to go into an area covered by enemy fire to evacuate a wounded soldier. Using a bulldozer as a shield, Sergeant Ciciora and others in the rescue party went forward under heavy machine gun fire. During this movement Sergeant Ciciora and two others were wounded. Although unsuccessful in evacuating the wounded soldier, Sergeant Ciciora's courageous act inspired others to exert greater effort in the final successful rescue of the wounded man. Home Address: Mr. Stanley Ciciora (Father), 10613 Edbrooke Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Buchanan Staff Sergeant RUSSELL E. BUCHANAN (38129908), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, 15 October 1944. During close combat in difficult terrain a member of the company of which Sergeant Buchanan was a member, was seriously wounded and remained on a ridge exposed to enemy observation and sniper fire. Although realizing the danger of attempting the rescue, Sergeant Buchanan with another man, managed to reach the soldier in the isolated position. The wounded man was, with great effort carried to a place of safety across fire-swept terrain. Staff Sergeant Buchanan's disregard of personal danger in execution of this act was an inspiration to all observing troops and exemplified a high type of leadership. Home Address: Mr. William J. Buchanan (Father), Panama, Oklahoma.

Byots Private First Class MIKE M. BYOTS (36059536), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, on 27 September 1944. Private First Class Byots, a rifleman in his company, was advancing with his squad against the enemy when the unit was suddenly taken under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire. The suddenness of the attack momentarily confused some members of the squad. Moving from man to man he directed each one to an advantageous firing position, and by so doing aided all in regaining confidence. While on this self-imposed task Private First Class Byots was exposed continually to enemy fire. Due to his fearlessness, courage, initiative and leadership, Private First Class Byots contributed materially to the success of the combat of his squad. Home Address: Mr. John Byots (Brother), General Delivery, Mount Olive, Illinois.

Bishel First Lieutenant JOHN P. BISHEL (01114843), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Angaur Island, Palau Group, from 17 September to 12 October 1944. Home Address: Mrs John P. Bishel (Wife) 1324 Monroe Street, N. W., Washington 10, D. C.

Jennings Captain WILL CHANDLER JENNINGS, (01305931), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, during the period 22 September to 27 November 1944. Home Address: Mrs. Mana D. Jennings (Wife), Route 1, Box 11, Maders, California.

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First Lieutenant JOHN P. BISHEL (01114343), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Anraur Island, Palau Group, from 17 September to 12 October 1944. During this period First Lieutenant Bishel, as platoon commander, supervised the building of roads to front-line infantry companies. His efficient handling of flame thrower supply and repair was of material aid to the attacking infantry. While on reconnaissance, he captured a native who told of others who were anxious to be rescued. With two men he went to the cave in enemy-held territory where the natives were being held by the Japanese, and succeeded in rescuing 68 of them. Lieutenant Bishel's outstanding leadership and fearless performance of duties in the forward areas contributed materially to the success of the infantry battalion to which his platoon was attached. Home Address: Mrs. John P. Bishel (wife), 1324 Monroe Street, N.W., Washington 10, D. C.

Captain WILL CHANDLER JENNINGS, (01305931), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peleliu Island, Palau Group, during the period 22 September to 27 November 1944. Captain (then First Lieutenant) Jennings, Commander of an infantry heavy weapons company, displayed untiring energy and resourcefulness in leading his command in combat. By reason of his close personal supervision, frequently while exposed to small-arms fire, the elements of his company contributed well-placed support for the rifle elements of the battalion. The inspiring leadership and zealous attention to duty shown by Captain Jennings was reflected in the victory over the Japanese in the southern Palau Islands. Home Address: Mrs. Mana D. Jennings (wife), Route 1, Box 11, Waders, California.

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~~1st Lt KENNETH R. BULL, 01325968, Inf, is appointed Aide-de-Camp to the undersigned, vice Captain ROBERT S. CAMPBELL, 0352099, Inf, eff 4 January 1946.~~

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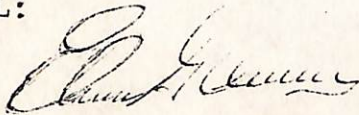
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1. Pursuant to authority contained in Movement Directive No. 8, Headquarters Eighth Army, 1 January 1946, 1st Platoon 6th Special Service Company is relieved from attachment to 81st Infantry Division, effective 1 January 1946.

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