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UNIT CITATION

Under the provisions of Section IV, Circulary 333, War Department, 22 December 1943, the following units are cited:

101st Airborne Division (less 2d Battalion 401st Glider Infantry Regiment) with the following attached units:

501st Parachute Infantry Regiment ✓
506th Parachute Infantry Regiment ✓
463d Parachute Field Artillery Battalion ✓
Counterintelligence Detachment, 101st Airborne Division ✓
Order of Battle Detachment Number 5 ✓
Military Intelligence Interpreter Team Number 410 ✓
Photo Interpreter Teams Number 9 and 81 ✓
Prisoner of War Interrogation Teams Number 1, 9, and 87 ✓
Third Auxiliary Surgical Group, Team Number 3 ✓

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969th Field Artillery Battalion ✓
755th Field Artillery Battalion ✓
705th Tank Destroyer Battalion ✓
Combat Command "B", 10th Armored Division, including: ✓
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command "B", 10th Armored Division ✓
3d Tank Battalion (Less Company C) ✓
20th Armored Infantry Battalion (Less Company A) ✓
54th Armored Infantry Battalion (Less Companies A and G) ✓
420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion ✓
Troop "D", 90th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized) ✓
Company "C", 609th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Less 1st Platoon; with 2d Platoon Reconnaissance Company attached) ✓
Battery "B", 796th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion ✓
Company "C", 55th Armored Engineer Battalion ✓
Company "C", 21st Tank Battalion ✓

Reserve Command, 9th Armored Division, including: ✓
Headquarters Reserve Command, 9th Armored Division ✓
Headquarters and Headquarters Company 12th Armored Group ✓
2d Tank Battalion ✓
52d Armored Infantry Battalion ✓
73d Armored Field Artillery Battalion ✓
Company "C", 9th Armored Engineer Battalion ✓
Company "C", 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion ✓
Company "C", 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self Propelled) ✓

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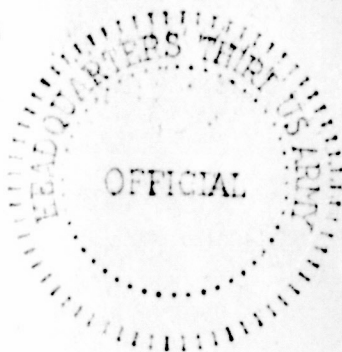
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These units distinguished themselves in combat against powerful and aggressive enemy forces during the period from 18 December to 27 December 1944, by extraordinary heroism and gallantry in defense of the key communications center of BASTOGNE BELGIUM. Essential to a large-scale exploitation of his break-through into BELGIUM and northern LUXEMBOURG, the enemy attempted to seize BASTOGNE by attacking constantly and savagely with the best of his armor and infantry. Without benefit of prepared defenses, facing almost overwhelming odds and with very limited and fast-dwindling supplies, these units maintained a high combat morale and an impenetrable defense, despite extremely heavy bombing, intense artillery fire, and constant attacks from infantry and armor on all sides of their completely cut-off and encircled position. This masterful and grimly determined defense denied the enemy even momentary success in an operation for which he paid dearly in men, materiel, and eventually morale. The outstanding courage and resourcefulness and undaunted determination of this gallant force is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service.

By command of Lieutenant General PATTON:



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Adjutant General.

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