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INFORMATION FROM THE HOSPITAL ADMISSION CARDS CREATED 12/17/2002 BY THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (1942-1945) AND (1950-1954) INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR 1944

SERVICE NUMBER: 31209656

CATEGORY:	CODE:	EXPLANATION:
RANK: ARM OF SERVICE: AGE: RACE: YEARS OF SVC: MO/YR OF ADMISION: STATION OF ADMISSIO DAY OF ADMISSION FINAL TRMT FACILITY: INVALID/DIED IN PRSN: TYPE OF CASE: TYPE OF ADMISSION: TYPE OF DIAGNOSIS:	31 7	Enlisted Man Infantry, Parachute Troops or Units 22 White, includes Mexican 2 Year(s), 5 Month(s) December 1944 European Theater of Operations 31 General hospital Invalided home in prior year Casualty, battle New Primary diagnosis, no history of prior disease, injury or battle casualty
LINE OF DUTY: FIRST DIAGNOSIS:	1 0260	In line of duty
LOCATION: OPERATION:	1314 286	Fracture, compound, comminuted with no nerve or artery involvement Cranium, Face and Neck (excl. vertebral): Mandible Fracture of mandible, reduction by intermaxillary wiring
SECOND DIAGNOSIS: LOCATION: OPERATION:	9162 1134 510	Cicatrix Buccal Cavity: Lips Plastic repair (the building up, repairing, or restoring a lost or impaired part)
THIRD DIAGNOSIS:	-	Not Found
CAUSATIVE AGENT: FINAL RESULT: DISPOSITION: FIELD OF CAUSE OF DEATH OR DISCHARGE DISPOSITION DATE:	203 260 B E: 4 424	Artillery Shell, Fragments, Afoot or unspecified Disfigurement, Facial Discharged, Sec. II, AR 615-360 (line of duty, Yes) (CDD) Final result field February 1946
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Source: This information was obtained from the Hospital Admission Card data files (1942-1945; 1950-1954), created by the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army. During 1988, this secondary source material was made available to the National Personnel Records Center by the National Research Council, a current custodian of the data file. The file was originally compiled for statistical purposes; therefore, name identification does not exist and sampling techniques were used with the result that not all hospital admissions are included. Veterans on the file are identified by service number and other data related to hospital admission.

Information from the Hospital Admission Cards created 10/30/2017 by the office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army (1944-1945). Information for the year 1944

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Arm of Service Infan Age 22	ntry, Parachute Troops
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Length of Service 2 Ye	ear(s), 5 Month(s)
Month of Admission Dece	ember
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Last Treatment Facility Gene	eral hospital
Circumstances Battle Surrounding Injury	e casualty or battle injury other than ; self-inflicted injury or injury intentionally ; inflicted by another person.
Type of Case Casu	ualty, battle
Type of Admission New	
Type of Diagnosis Prima	ary diagnosis, no history of prior disease, injury; or battle casualty
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1st Diagnosis Fract	ture, compound, comminuted with no nerve or artery involvement
1st Anatomical Location Cran	ium, Face and Neck (excl. vertebral): Mandible
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Service Number	31209656
Sample Size	
Rank	Enlisted Man (includes Aviation Ca
Age	22 22
Race	White (includes Mexican)
Length of Service	2-3 yr.
Arm of Service	Infantry, Parachute Units
AAF Status	Neither assigned nor attached to AAF (includes all unassigned, ;
Admission Station	
Month of Admision	December
Year of Admision	1944
Last Treatment Facility	General Hospital
Special Class of Case	Invalided Home (except repatriated), during current year
Type of Case	Casualty, battle
Type of Admission	New, not EPTS
1st Diagnosis	Fracture, compound, comminuted with no nerve or artery involvement
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during an attack on the town, Sergeant Truax observed an enemy patrol entering the town from his right. He immediately opened fire on them, killing three and wounding five. When the enemy began firing from a wooded area, Sergeant Truax concentrated the fire of his section so as to serve as a base for the advance of the rest of the company. Under the cover of this accurate and effective fire, the company succeeded in clearing the town and prepared to clear the woods which Sergeant Truax was firing on. The covering fire was so accurate, however, that the enemy surrendered as soon as the fire was lifted. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant Thomas S. Mason, 16006599 (then Corporal), Airborne Antiairoraft Artillery, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 3 January 1945 in the vicinity of Bizory, Belgium, the enemy launched a strong attack with infantry and armor. Sergeant Mason manned an abandoned .30 caliber machine gun and directed such heavy and accurate fire on the enemy that he pinned them down. When the superior strength of the enemy forced his squad to withdraw to more advantageous positions, he remained at his machine gun and covered the withdrawal. Only after the entire squad had moved back and he had expended all his ammunition, did he withdraw. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant John W. Wright, 15116908, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 15 January 1945 in the vicinity of Noville, Belgium, during a company attack launched on the village, he observed four enemy tanks several hundred yards away. Under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Wright advanced to within thirty-five yards of the nearest tank, killing the tank commander and causing the tank to withdraw. By this action ten of the enemy were driven out of a position imperiling the advance of his company. Through the cool and courageous manner in which Sergeant Wright conducted himself, oblivious of his own danger, his company was enabled to carry its mission to a successful conclusion. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph F. Gorenc, 16131251, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 13 January 1945 in the vicinity of Foy, Belgium, during an attack across an open field, the forward elements of his unit lost contact with the adjacent units and were oblivious of the situation. Technician Fourth Grade Gorenc volunteered to leave the command post, locate these elements and orientate the men and the company command post personnel. Advancing over difficult terrain under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, he reached the most forward outposts and contacted not only the squads, but each individual. Although numerous patrols were contacted, he covered the entire battalion front continuously under heavy enemy fire and accomplished his mission of informing the confused troops regarding the tactical situation. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Corporal Robert H. Cahoon, 31209656, Parachute Infantry, while serving with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself by heroic achievement in action. On 1 January 1945 in the vicinity of Champs, Belgium, an enemy patrol of approximately sixty men attacked the defensive positions of his unit, isolating two important outposts. As the only member of his outpost not wounded, Corporal Cahoon engaged the enemy and for two hours prevented them from advancing. Although seriously wounded during this action, he remained at his machine gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the attacking enemy forces. When reinforcements arrived and engaged the enemy, Corporal Cahoon continued to fire on the enemy and inflicted more casualties. He refused to be evacuated until the enemy was completely routed from the positions which they had gained in this action. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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