Pvt. Dwayne Burns of the 508th PIR recalled, "Here we sat, each man alone in the dark. These men around me were the best friends I will ever know. I wondered how many would die before the sun came up. 'Lord, I pray, please let me do everything right. Don't let me get anybody killed and don't let me get killed either. I really think I'm too young for this.' "5

Pyt. Ken Russell of the 505th had just made it onto his C-47. Two weeks earlier he had been running a high fever, a result of his vaccinations, and was sent to a hospital. On June 4 he still had a high fever, but "like everyone else, I had been looking forward to D-Day since 1940—when I was still in grammar school. Now I was so afraid I would miss it." He begged his way out of the hospital and managed to rejoin his company on June 5. Flying over the Channel, he was struck by the thought that his high-school class back in Tennessee was graduating that night.

Like many of the Catholic troopers, "Dutch" Schultz was "totally engrossed in my rosaries." Clayton Storeby was sitting next to George Dickson, who "was going around that rosary, giving a lot of Hail Marys. After about ten minutes, it seemed like it was helping him, so I said, 'George, when you're through with that, would you loan it to a buddy?' "7

"It was a time of prayer," Pvt. Harry Reisenleiter of the 508th PIR recalled, "and I guess we all made some rash promises to God." He said that so far as he could tell everyone was afraid— "fear of being injured yourself, fear of having to inflict injury on other people to survive, and the most powerful feeling of all, fear of being afraid."8

The pilots were afraid. For most of the pilots of Troop Carrier Command this was their first combat mission. They had not been trained for night flying, or for flak or bad weather. Their C-47s were designed to carry cargo or passengers. They were neither armed nor armored. Their gas tanks were neither protected

nor self-sealing.

The possibility of a midair collision was on every pilot's mind. The pilots were part of a gigantic air armada: it took 432 C-47s to carry the 101st Airborne to Normandy, about the same number for the 82nd. They were flying in a V-of-Vs formation, stretched out across the sky, 300 miles long, nine planes wide, without radio communication. Only the lead pilot in each serial of forty-five had a Eureka set, with a show of lights from the Plexiglas astrodome for guidance for the following planes. The planes were

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Information for the year 1944

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Service Number 34505714

Rank

Arm of Service

Age

Race

Length of Service

Month of Admission

April 1944

Year of Admission

Last Treatment Facility

Circumstances Surrounding Injury

Type of Case

Type of Admission New

Type of Diagnosis

Line of Duty

1st Diagnosis Reaction to drugs, vaccines, serums (other than acute poisonings): Smallpox

1st Anatomical Location

1st Operation

2nd Diagnosis Tonsillitis, acute or Tonsillitis, acute (not due to streptococcus)^

2nd Anatomical Location

2nd Operation

3rd Diagnosis

Causative Agent

Final Result

Disposition Duty

Cause of Disposition

Month of Disposition

Year of Disposition 1944

Total Days (non-effective)

Hospital Days

Current Days /Gen Hosp Overseas Day

Place of Final Cure

Sample Size 80%

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Service Number

34505714

Rank

Enlisted Man

Arm of Service

Infantry, Parachute Troops

Age

21

Race

White

Length of Service

2 Year(s), 5 Month(s)

Month of Admission

November

Year of Admission

1944

Last Treatment Facility

General hospital

Circumstances Surrounding Injury Other or unspecified non-battle injuries.

Type of Case

Injury, battle

Type of Admission

Readmission

Type of Diagnosis

Primary diagnosis, history of prior disease or injury

Line of Duty

In line of duty

1st Diagnosis

Sprain of joint

1st Anatomical Location

Lumbosacral joint

1st Operation

2nd Diagnosis

[Withheld by USGOV]

2nd Anatomical Location

2nd Operation

3rd Diagnosis

Causative Agent

Parachute Jump, Rough Landing (any mishap)

Final Result

Disposition

Duty

Cause of Disposition

Not death nor discharge (incl cases remaining in hosp at end of 1944

Month of Disposition

Year of Disposition

1944

Total Days (non-effective) 156

155

Hospital Days

Current Days /Gen Hosp Overseas Day 05

Place of Final Cure

Sample Size

Remaining 1944 case

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Service Number 34505714

Sample Size

Rank Enlisted Man (includes Aviation Ca

Age 21 21

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 November

Year of Admision 1944

Last Treatment Facility General Hospital

Special Class of Case Invalided Home (except repatriated) in other year

Type of Case

Type of Admission

1st Diagnosis Sprain of joint

1st Anatomical Location Lumbosacral joint

1st Operaction

2nd Diagnosis [withheld by NARA]

2nd Anatomical Location

2nd Operation

3rd Diagnosis

Causative Agent Parachute Jump, Rough Landing (any mishap)

Circumstances Surroundii All battle casualties, and all battle injuries not intentionally inflicted by self or another person

Final Result

Total Days (non-effective) 105

Hospital Days 155

Overseas Days 026

Type of Discharge Duty (includes AWOL)

Field of Cause of Disposit

Month of Disposition April Year of Disposition 1945

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Service Number 34505714

Sample Size

Rank Enlisted Man (includes Aviation Ca

Age 21 21

Race White (includes Mexican)

Length of Service 3-5 yr.

Arm of Service Infantry, General or Unspecified

AAF Status Neither assigned nor attached to AAF (includes all unassigned, ;

Admission Station Ft. Benning, Georgia

Month of Admision August Year of Admision 1945

Last Treatment Facility Regional Hospital

Special Class of Case None

Type of Case Disease

Type of Admission New, not EPTS

1st Diagnosis [withheld by NARA]

1st Anatomical Location

1st Operaction

2nd Diagnosis

2nd Anatomical Location

2nd Operation

3rd Diagnosis

Causative Agent

Circumstances Surroundii Not a traumatism

Final Result Discharge/retirement: med reasons--but not for any residual condition w/ a code

Total Days (non-effective) 028

Hospital Days 028

Overseas Days

Type of Discharge Discharged or Retired for Disability, Line of Duty, Yes

Field of Cause of Disposit First Diagnosis field

Month of Disposition August Year of Disposition 1945

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