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**I. GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL.**—By direction of the President, the commanding officer, Indoctrination Division, Air Training Command, was empowered, pursuant to the eighth article of war, to appoint general courts martial, *effective as of 8 January 1948.*  
[AG 250.4 (26 Dec 47)]

**II. ROTC UNITS.**—*Effective 1 July 1948,* Artillery ROTC units will be established at the following institutions:

- Arizona State College, Tempe, Arizona.
- Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.
- Jacksonville State Teachers College, Jacksonville, Alabama.
- Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy, El Paso, Texas.

[AG 000.8 (10 Dec 47)]

*Effective 1 July 1948,* an Ordnance ROTC unit will be established at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

[AG 322 (19 Dec 47)]

**III. BATTLE HONORS.**—As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (sec. I, Bul. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, Bul. 11, WD, 1942), the following units are cited under the provisions of AR 260-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

*The Provisional Reconnaissance Platoon, 11th Airborne Division, and Company B, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment,* are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 February 1945. These units demonstrated exceptional courage, resourcefulness and determination in skillfully undertaking a coordinated thrust 25 miles behind enemy lines, which made possible the liberation of 2,147 Allied civilians and prisoners of war interned at Los Banos Internment Camp, Los Banos. *Company B* landed by parachute near the camp and joined the *Provisional Reconnaissance Platoon,* which had previously infiltrated to within a few yards of the objective in order to silently kill the sentries and join the attack at the proper time. A rescue party traveling by "Amtracs" across Lunga De Bay landed on the shore opposite the camp at the moment the assault began. At 0700, paratroopers and ground elements initiated an attack which quickly overwhelmed the Japanese guards and made possible the swift embarkation of the internees on the "Amtracs." By their brilliant execution of a most difficult and hazardous mission, the *Provisional Reconnaissance Platoon, 11th Airborne Division, and Company B, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment,* made the outstanding contribution to the operation which resulted in the liberation of the Los Banos internees.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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