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Local GI's To Parade In New York City

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The "Devils in Baggy Pants," as General Eisenhower calls the men of the 82nd Airborne Division, will take over New York City Saturday when their 38-year-old commanding officer, Major General "Slim Jim" Gavin, and assistant commander, Brigadier General Francis A. March, of Easton, lead the men in a triumphal parade up Fifth Ave.

With the hundreds of parachute and glider men from this State, will march 37 officers and men from this area who have been with the outfit in Italy, Normandy, Holland, Ardenes and Germany. The men who are home today are T-5 Joseph Makos, 1608 Kenton Ave.; Daniel Rotondo, 506 Cherokee St.; Nicholas Schussler, 1233 Otis Place; Pvt. Michael Wargo, 24 Oakland Ave.; T-5 Cortland Knipe and Pfc. Edmund Shigo, 1501 East Third St., all of this city.

The others are: Pfc. Harold Smith, Pfc. Warren Kramer, Cpl. John Leh, II, 2844 Chew St.; T. Sgt. Bernhard Mark, 2107 West Livingston; T-5 Clyde Snyder, 516 Gordon; T-5 Charlie Kratzer, 220 North New; Pvt. Richard Kline, 806 North Eighth; T-4 Daniel Strain, 529 East Fourth; Pvt. Bronek Baranski, 317 East Walnut; Pfc. T. F. Crocus, 5342 Bruk; Pfc. Roland Kutz, 133 Greenleaf St.; Pfc. David Macker; Cpl. Raymond Poe, 125 North Ellsworth; S. Sgt. George Grumbein, 940 North Elm St., all of Allentown.

From Hellertown are S. Sgt. Granville Frey, T-5 William Frey, Frank Nastasee, S. Sgt. Victor Koller, R. D. 1; S. Sgt. Joseph Balum, 901 New Jersey Ave., and Leon Wohlbach, R. 1.

In addition to the assistant commanding officer, two other "devils" hail from Easton, Pfc. Joseph MacBuso, 42 North River Dr., and Cpl. William Beam.

Another well known officer, 1st Lt. Francis Copoggi, comes from Wind Gap. Sgt. Charles H. Free and Cpl. Howard Minnich, 1525 South Albert St., Nazareth; Pvt. Roland Smith, 721 Pen Argyl St., and Andrew Polini, S. Sgt., from 50 South Main, Pen Argyl, and Pfc. Howard Dietz, R. D. 2, Quakertown.

The men from the 82nd came home with two great fights won—the tussle for survival on all fronts in Europe, and just lately, the struggle to stay on as a regular division in the Army on the basis of its superlative battle honors. The 82nd was on the books to be deactivated, but requests from the men within the division and people outside of the organization who knew its pride of unit, fighting prowess and general war record, were heard in time to keep its being wiped out.

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