

Mesko, Nicholas

**Local 'Chutist Among
First In Holland 11 1944**

Pvt. Nicholas Mesko, 1509 East Third Street, was among the first American parachutists to jump in Holland and force an entry into Germany around the northern end of the Siegfried Line. The airborne

operation, which was launched Sunday, September 17, was the greatest attack of its kind ever launched. The parachute regiment of which he is a member, has participated in four major combat jumps in this war, Sicily, Italy, France and Holland and is component of the renowned 82nd Airborne Division. It was this unit, as an infantry division in the last war which gave the Americans one of their greatest infantry heroes, Sgt. Alvin C. York.

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