

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1050 — Adjutant's Call.
- 1100 — Commander of Troops, COLONEL NORMANDO A. COSTELLO, 319th Infantry, presents command to MAJOR GENERAL LOUIS A. CRAIG, Commander of XX Corps.
- 1105 — COLONEL COSTELLO orders units to be decorated to move forward and presents them to GENERAL CRAIG.
- 1110 — Presentation of Battle Honors to: Second Battalion, 318th Infantry, and 313th Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1125 — Troops pass in review while honored units remain in position beside reviewing stand.
- 1145 — Introduction of GENERAL CRAIG by BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE W. SMYTHE.
- 1147 — Address by GENERAL CRAIG.
- 1157 — Closing Prayer.
- 1200 — Star Spangled Banner.
- 1400 — Baseball Game, Division Parade Ground. 317th Infantry versus 318th Infantry.
- 1600 — Special Service Show, Division Parade Ground.

## BATTLE HONORS

### The Second Battalion, 318th Infantry

"The 2D BATTALION, 318TH INFANTRY, is cited for outstanding performance of duty during the period 25 to 28 December 1944. The battalion was heavily engaged with the enemy in the vicinity of Ettelbruck, Luxembourg, when it was withdrawn from the front lines for the movement to the Bastogne, Belgium area. Its effective rifle-fighting strength had been reduced to 200 men. Attacking on Christmas Day after several days without rest, the battalion began its assault of the enemy positions encircling Bastogne, Belgium. Throughout the next 4 days and 3 nights, the depleted battalion battled its way in freezing temperature, through the strongly held woods and villages separating our troops from the besieged forces in Bastogne. The stubborn resistance of the enemy and well dug-in positions required constant use of the bayonet and hand grenade in their destruction. Suffering heavy casualties, constantly exposed to raking enemy machine-gun and small-arms fire from flanking positions, the battalion fought on with an unrelenting determination that overcame all obstacles, routed the enemy, and established contact with the forces within Bastogne. The aggressiveness of the heroic infantrymen of the 2D BATTALION, 318TH INFANTRY reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States."