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HEADQUARTERS VI ARMY CORPS ANTITANK TRAINING CENTER
A.P. HILL Military Reservation
Fredricksburg, Virginia

15 May, 1942

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Major JAMES ASHWORTH, C.O. 626th TD Bn., A.P. Hill Military
Reservation, Fredricksburg, Virginia

1. I want to commend you and your fine battalion for the outstanding performance yesterday in negotiating a crossing of the Rappahannock River.
2. It was the first time to my knowledge that an organization of any nature, let alone the size of a battalion, reinforced by a rifle company, had effected a crossing of non-fordable river of appreciable size with their light combat equipment, including 37-mm guns and $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks, using expedients such as can be available to a combat organization possessing neither boats nor pontoon equipment.
3. The willingness of yourself, and of your organization, to assume the responsibility and initiative for a crossing of this nature is very praiseworthy. It is just such initiative and courage that is essential in war.
4. The military appearance of your men, their willingness and enthusiasm were most impressive and were favorable commented upon by the Commanding General VI Army Corps and visiting officers.
5. In thus commending you, I hope also to commend your officers and men for their very creditable showing.

Copy to C.G. 26th Div.

B. Q. JONES
Colonel, Cavalry
Director

A true copy:

HAROLD P. WILLIAMS
1st Lt. 626th TD Bn.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
626th Tank Destroyer Bn.
Ft. George G. Meade, Md.

November 6, 1942.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : All Officers and Enlisted Men.

1. The Battalion Motor Vehicle Command Inspection this date in general shows a considerable improvement in First Echelon motor maintenance. I believe at last we have become motor-minded. The large number of motor vehicles entrusted to us, requires constant and vigilant attention. One of our primary and most important functions is to "keep 'em rolling"!

2. Capt. Joseph F. Nee, Commanding Officer, Company "C", all officers, the Motor Sergeant and drivers of this company are commended and cited for an exceptionally fine piece of work in connection with First Echelon Motor Maintenance. The inspection of the vehicles of this company today indicates that all concerned feel their responsibilities with regard to proper motor vehicle maintenance. The present condition of vehicles is the result of hard and conscientious work.

3. As of today, out of 245 motor vehicles in the Battalion, only two are dead-lined for Third or Fourth Echelon maintenance and one of these is for body work. Four only are dead-lined for Second Echelon maintenance, two of these being for 6000-mile check, and the other two awaiting parts. This is a fine record and shows that all of us are on the job. There must be no let-up if we are to maintain this standard.

4. Efforts should now be made to improve paint appearances, especially pioneer tools.

5. 1st Lt. Harold P. Williams, as Battalion Motor Officer, is also commended for his part in the supervision and direction of motor vehicle maintenance work.

EDWARD D. SIROIS
Lt. Col. 626th TD Bn
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS RED FORCES
Office of the Commanding General
Silver Springs, Tennessee

30 July 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation

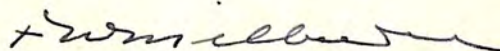
TO : Commanding Officer, 626th Tank Destroyer Battalion

1. At the mid-point of these maneuvers, when I relinquish command of the Red Forces, I wish to commend the officers and men of the 626th Tank Destroyer Battalion for the high caliber of their performances while attached in Operations #1, 2, 3 and 4. The loyalty, enthusiasm and professional ability displayed by this unit was an important factor in Red operations.

2. Especially noteworthy is the success with which the 626th Tank Destroyer Battalion was able to adapt itself to combined operations with the other arms. This speaks highly for the progress in training made by your organization and is an indication of the combat service which may be expected in the future.

3. To me the impressive thing about these operations has been the untiring effort, the interest and the initiative displayed by the non-commissioned officers and the enlisted men. The standards of military courtesy and discipline which have prevailed are a fine tribute to the man in the ranks on whom we depend so heavily.

4. My best wishes go with you.



F. W. MILBURN
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

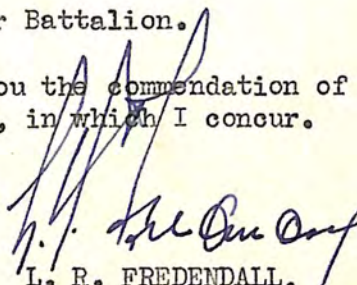
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MANEUVER DIRECTOR HEADQUARTERS, SECOND ARMY, A.P.O. 402, Nashville, Tenn.,
4 August 1943.

TO: Commanding Officer, 626th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

I take pleasure in forwarding to you the commendation of Major General F. W. Milburn, 83d Infantry Division, in which I concur.



L. R. FREDENDALL,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Maneuver Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
626th Tank Destroyer Battalion
A.P.O. #402, % Postmaster
Nashville, Tennessee

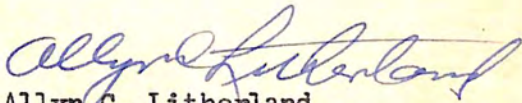
26 August 1943

Subject: Commendation

To: Commanding Officer,
626th Tank Destroyer Battalion,
A.P.O. #402, % Postmaster,
Nashville, Tennessee.

1. The following members of the 626th Tank Destroyer Battalion Umpire Group are to be commended for their excellent performance of duty as part of the umpire team for the Second Army Maneuver # 2, during the period 4 July 1943 until 26 August 1943:

2nd Lt. Charles Burnstein	T/5 Julius W. Ribeiro
2nd Lt. Bruce M Gildersleeve	T/5 Russell M. Hark
2nd Lt. Clair F. Farley	Pvt William H. Calder
2nd Lt. Horace L. Smith, III	Pvt Raymond Dumont
2nd Lt. Edward W. Steinbrink	Pvt James J Thorpe
2nd Lt. John B. Everingham	Pvt Lawrence McInnis
2nd Lt. Harry E. Lauderdale	Pvt Chester A. Morgan
2nd Lt. John H. Porter	Pvt Bernard Dricker
Cpl Alfred J. Girourd	Pvt Anthony Forresteri
Cpl James D. Long Jr.	Pvt Averill Dennin
Cpl Joseph E. Waters	Pvt Chester S. Dombrowski
Cpl Richard W. Catlett	Pvt Nathaniel Woody
Cpl Victor A. Pirrone	Pvt Walter S. Marshall
Cpl Edward T. Hunter	Pvt Roy E. Kunter
Cpl Harry D. Goldstein	Pvt Herbert Cody
T/5 Robert S. Becker	Pvt William J. Holt
T/5 George L. Jay	Pvt William A. Lewis
T/5 John Greer, Jr.	Pvt Peter C. Egersheim
T/5 Frank L. Bavin	


Allyn C. Litherland
Captain, Infantry
626th Tank Destroyer Battalion
Umpire Group Supervisor

HEADQUARTERS
626th Tank Destroyer Battalion
A.P.O. #402, % Postmaster
Nashville, Tennessee

26 August 1943

Subject: Efficiency Ratings on Enlisted Personnel of Umpire Group.

To: Commanding Officer,
626th Tank Destroyer Battalion,
A.P.O. #402, % Postmaster,
Nashville, Tennessee.

1. Ratings in general efficiency and performance of duty for the following enlisted personnel of the umpire group during the Second Army Maneuver # 2 are:

Cpl Alfred J Girourd V S
Cpl James D. Long, Jr Ex
Cpl Joseph E. Waters Ex
Cpl Richard W. Catlett Ex
Cpl Victor Pirrone Ex
Cpl Edward T. Hunter Ex
Cpl Harry D. Goldstein Ex

T/5 Robert S. Becker S
T/5 George L. Jay V S
T/5 John Greer, Jr. Ex
T/5 Frank L. Bavin Ex
T/5 Julius W Ribeiro Ex
T/5 Russell M. Hark Ex

Pvt William H. Calder Ex7
Pvt James J. Thorpe S
Pvt Chester A. Morgan V S
Pvt Anthony Forrestreri V S
Pvt Chester S. Dombrowski V S
Pvt Roy Kunter V.S
Pvt William J. Holt Ex
Pvt Peter C. Egersheim Ex

Pvt Raymond Dumont S
Pvt Lawrence Mc Innis V.S
Pvt Bernard Dricker V S
Pvt Averill Dennin V S
Pvt Nathaniel Woody V S
Pvt Herbert Cody V S
Pvt William A. Lewis Ex
Pvt Walter S. Marshall S (Needs a
Strong Officer to keep him in
line)

2. Recommend the group be given the following as soon as possible:
- A. A reading of the Articles of War.
 - B. A Monthly Physical Inspection.
 - C. A Clothing and Equipment inspection.

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HEADQUARTERS
626TH Tank Destroyer Battalion
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Nashville, Tennessee

26 August 1943

Subject: Report on Officer Umpires.

To: Commanding Officer,
626th Tank Destroyer Battalion,
A.P.O. #402, % Postmaster,
Nashville, Tennessee.

1. The following report on the officers of the umpire team from this battalion for the Second Army Maneuver #2, is submitted as directed.

John B. Everingham, 2nd Lt., 01821563, Excellent, Well Liked, and used good judgement in performance of duty. Needs only to have his minor deficiencies brought to his own attention for correction.

Clair F. Farley, 2nd Lt., 01821565, Excellent, well liked, hard worker, but slightly talkative. Will make an excellent officer for company duty.

Horace L. Smith, III, 2nd Lt., 01824521, Excellent, Well liked, very diligent, Can carry out an order to the fullest without fail. Needs only time for further development.

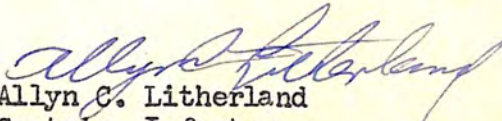
John H. Potter, 2nd Lt., 01823771, Excellent, well liked, Very dependable, carries out the orders to the letter. Uses Good Judgement in his duties.

Harry E. Lauderdale, 2nd Lt., 0477197, Excellent, well liked, Sometimes prone to let things slide, Energetic when reminded of his duty. Can be corrected by further application to correct his minor faults.

Edward W. Steinbrink, 2nd Lt., 01823795, Excellent on Pioneer work, Very Satisfactory otherwise., needs to be coached on the duties and responsibilities of an officer and to be a great deal more firmer in his handling of enlisted personnel. Conscientious worker but lacks force.

Charles Burnstein, 2nd Lt., 01822856, Very Satisfactory, Needs to be coached on his duties and responsibilities as an officer. Had to be held in camp one weekend to study the Manual of Courts Martial for his own good. Hard and Conscientious worker on the job but sometimes has to have same fully explained.

Bruce M. Gildersleeve, 2nd Lt., 01824851, Excellent, well liked, goes about his job with assurance.


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