

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Commanding Officer, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion

I desire to commend the Second Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for its outstanding performance of duty during the period 30 March 1945 to 1 April 1945 in action in support of this organization.

On 30 March 1945, the Second Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to the 318th Infantry Combat Team in the attack on Kassel, Germany. The operation was extremely fluid, and an immediate and hasty reconnaissance of the Combat Team's left flank was imperative. The Second Platoon was given the mission of patrolling this flanking sector and directed to determine the disposition of the enemy and to contact elements of the First American Army advancing from the north. The Second Platoon's mission was completed in every respect, and its reporting of enemy positions was excellent, allowing the 318th Infantry Combat Team to give their undivided attention to the immediate front. Consequently the attack on Kassel was rapidly completed. I consider the aggressiveness, initiative, and dependability displayed by the Second Platoon outstanding and a credit to the Army of the United States.

The assistance rendered by the Second Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion, substantially contributed to the accomplishment of the vitally important mission of the 318th Infantry Combat Team.

/s/ J.S. Lockett
Colonel, 318th Infantry
Commanding