

HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General
APO 40

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4 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

THROUGH: Commanding General, XIV Corps.

1. The 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached to the 40th Infantry Division during the period 9 January to 1 February 1945 in the amphibious assault landing at LINGAYEN BEACH, the advance on BAMBAM, and subsequent action in the BAMBAM - FORT STOT-SENBURG area. Company B, 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion was attached from 1 February to 1 March 1945.

2. The Battalion exhibited high performance of duty in the advance on BAMBAM and subsequent operation against the enemy in strong fortified positions. Platoon and individual tank destroyers participated daily in action against pillboxes, caves and other enemy positions. Drivers exhibited a high degree of skill in operating their vehicles over terrain that was particularly difficult for armor and frequently in areas that were mined. Commanders of tank destroyers were bold and aggressive in emplacing their vehicles where the utmost effects could be obtained from direct fire. The spirit of cooperation was evident on the part of all personnel and especially in the use of tank destroyers for evacuation purposes of wounded from fireswept areas.

3. The Reconnaissance Company consistently reconnoitered far in advance of our lines to engage the enemy and obtained information that was of great value in determining enemy dispositions and strength.

4. Company B, while operating independently from the Battalion, performed in an exemplary manner. Its high performance of duty reflects able leadership and high caliber of personnel.

5. I commend highly and express my appreciation of the service rendered by the 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

/s/
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RAPP BRUSH
Major General, USA,
Commanding.

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Commendation.

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HEADQUARTERS XIV CORPS, APO # 453, 18 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 70.
(THRU: Commanding General, XI Corps, APO 471).

I am pleased to note and transmit this letter of commendation
from the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, APO 40.

/s/ O. W. Griswold
/t/ O. W. GRISWOLD,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS XI CORPS, APO 471, 23 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 640th Tank Destroyer Battalion, APO 75.

It is a pleasure to receive and forward this commendation
and add my appreciation for the superior manner in which the officers
and men of your command performed in this assignment.

/s/ C. P. Hall,
/t/ C. P. HALL,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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