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ORDRE GENERAL N° 12

Le Général JUIN Commandant le Détachement d'Armée
français cite à l'ordre de l'Armée, la Compagnie B
du 701^o Tanks Destroyers Battalion de la 1^{ère}
Division Blindée.

"Unité d'une valeur guerrière redoutable. Sous les
ordres du Capitaine ELLMANN, a réussi grâce à son habileté
manoeuvrière et à son audace exceptionnelle en moins de deux
jours :

- A reprendre une localité importante occupée par
l'ennemi;
- A détruire une forte colonne blindée qui tentait
de reprendre cette localité;
- A capturer une colonne motorisée qui menaçait son
flanc -"

Signé JUIN

DESTINATAIRES:

- Général Commandant en Chef les Forces Alliées
- P.C. KLEBER
- P.C. GEORGES
- 19^o Région
- Directeur Services du D.A.F.
- Colonel Direct. Service des transmissions

COPIE:

- Général Cdt. en Chef les Forces terrestres
et aériennes en A.F.N. (à titre de C.R.)
- E.M. C.E.C.F.T. Alger

Pour ampliation
Le Chef d'Etat-Major,

(SEAL)

"A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY"

William H Bateman Jr
WILLIAM H. BATSMAN, JR.,
Captain, 701st TD Bn.,
Adjutant

Encl. #1

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AFHQ, APO 512, 22 Dec 1942. THRU: CG, CTF, APO 302. TO: CO, 701st TD Bn.

Transmitted for your information and record.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

(Received Hq II Army Corps (0930A) 28~~8~~ Dec 1942

/s/ J. L. Tarr,
J. L. TARR,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General

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#1-AFHQ ltr dated 22/12/42 to
CG, EAF, Subject Transmittal
of Citation.

#2-Extract, G.O. #32, AFHQ

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HQ CTF, 29 Dec 1942. - Thru: CG, 1st Armored Division. - To: CO, 701st Tank
Destroyer Battalion.

"2 Incls--
n/c,"

(Recd Dec 31, 1942)
(1300 hrs)
(1st Armored Division)

/s/ C.H.B.
C.H.B.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMORED DIVISION, APO 251 % Postmaster New York, N. Y.,
31 December 1942. TO: Commanding Officer, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2 Incls n/c.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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22 December 1942

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Citation

TO : CG, Eastern Assault Force, APO 512.

1. Transmitted as an inclosure hereto is the original copy of the citation of Company "B", 701st Tank Destroyer Bn, by the Commander of the French Army Detachment. It is desired that this be transmitted to the headquarters of the unit cited, for retention in its permanent file.
2. A translation of this citation has been published in G.O. No. 32, this headquarters, cs, and extract copies are attached.
3. It is desired that the citation be read to the assembled unit with appropriate ceremony at the earliest practicable date. When this has been done a report of that fact will be rendered to this headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

J. L. TARR,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

Incls:

Extract, G.O. No. 32, AFHQ (6 copies)
G.O. No. 12, C-in-C, GF, FNA

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HQ, 701st TD Bn, APO 251, Jan. 1, 1943. - Thru: CG, 1st Armored Division, -
TO: AFHQ, APO 512.

Paragraph #3, basic communication complied with.

For the Commanding Officer:

Incls w/d.

F. H. Walls
F. H. WALLS,
Captain, 701st TD Bn.,
Adjutant.

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AFQ 512

GENERAL ORDER)

NUMBER 32)

22 December 1942

EXTRACT

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CITATION OF UNIT IN THE UNITED STATES FORCES: The Commander-in-Chief is gratified to publish to the command the following citation of Company "B", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion:

"General Order No. 12, December 15, 1942, General Juin, Commander of the French Army Detachment, cites in Army orders, Company "B", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, of the 1st Armored Division:

(Citation)

'A unit of outstanding courage in battle. Under the command of Captain Kilman, it has accomplished by skillful maneuver and exceptional daring, in less than two days: The recapture of an important locality occupied by the enemy; the destruction of a strong armored column which attempted to recapture that locality; and the capture of a motorized column which threatened its flank.'

(Signed) JUIN"

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By command of Lieutenant General KISSINGER:

OFFICIAL:

W. B. SMITH
Brigadier General, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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APO 512

22 December 1942

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 32)

	Section
Awards of Distinguished Service Cross	I
Award of Silver Star	II
Citation of Unit in the United States Forces	III

I. AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named enlisted man and officers:

JOSEPH D. DAY, (ASN 20613050), Private, Company "I", 36th Engineers. For extraordinary heroism in action. On 8 November 1942, during the landing of his unit on one of the beaches in the battle of Fedhala, French Morocco, Private Day distinguished himself by extraordinary heroic action against an armed enemy. Disregarding his personal safety, he exposed himself to heavy shellfire on five different occasions by entering upon the field of battle to carry back a wounded comrade to a position where medical aid could be administered. His heroic action contributed substantially to the saving of the lives of his comrades at great risk to his own.

SIMEON A. BOX, O-472796, Second Lieutenant, C.E., Company "A", 1st Engineer Battalion. On 9 November 1942, near Arcole, Algeria, Lieutenant Box distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. When the advance of his Battalion and an attached Artillery Battalion was stopped by determined anti-tank, machine gun, and small arms fire on the outskirts of Arcole, Lieutenant Box without hesitation, of his own volition and at the risk of his life, volunteered to go forward with Lieutenant Victor P. Brosokas, 16th Infantry, in a half-track vehicle. With this vehicle they overran and destroyed with hand grenades two strong enemy machine gun positions flanking the road. They then proceeded through the town machine gunning all resistance encountered and returned, through severe rifle and machine gun fire, to the immobilized column. It was the bold action of Lieutenant Box which contributed largely to the withdrawal of the enemy and permitted the column to proceed.

VICTOR P. BROSOKAS, O-386976, First Lieutenant, Inf., Headquarters Company, 16th Infantry. On 9 November 1942, near Arcole, Algeria, Lieutenant Brosokas distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. When the advance of his Battalion and an attached Artillery Battalion was stopped by determined anti-tank, machine gun, and small arms fire on the outskirts of Arcole, Lieutenant Brosokas without hesitation, of his own volition and at the risk of his life, volunteered to go forward with Lieutenant Simeon A. Box, 1st Engineer Battalion, in a half-track vehicle. With this vehicle they

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CHARLES L. DAVIS, O-411248, First Lieutenant, Cavalry, Company "D", 13th Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On 29 November 1942, Lieutenant Davis distinguished himself by extraordinary heroic action against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Djedida, Tunisia. Hostile artillery, emplaced at closer range than reconnaissance had revealed, surprised the assault element with the result that several tanks received direct hits and were set on fire. Lieutenant Davis sensed the situation and the complete superiority of the enemy position. After all members of the crews of the disabled tanks had been removed, he returned to his burning tank and irrespective of the flames removed the first aid kit and all available water, and dismounted the cowl machine gun with ammunition. With materials removed from the burning tank, Lieutenant Davis, himself seriously wounded, crawled about the field for hours, where every detected move would draw fire from enemy riflemen and machine gunners, administering first aid and giving instructions for leaving the area after nightfall. The successful evacuation of the wounded under cover of darkness was accomplished under the direction of Lieutenant Davis, passing directly through hostile positions firing from ranges of less than 200 yards. The courage, tenacity, refusal to accept defeat, and heroic saving of life while others had given up in complete despair, reflect the highest qualities of leadership, courage, and traditions of the armed service.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

CARL R. KACZMAREK, (ASN 7074206), Sergeant, Company "G", 16th Infantry. For gallantry in action. Sergeant Kaczmarek distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism on 10 November 1942 at Oran, Algeria, in action against an armed enemy. Although painfully wounded in the head, he returned to his unit after receiving first aid treatment and aided in the advance of his platoon. His tenacity, courage and exemplary action did much to inspire the other members of his organization to exert greater efforts toward the final capture of the objective.

III. CITATION OF UNIT IN THE UNITED STATES FORCES: The Commander-in-Chief is gratified to publish to the command the following citation of Company "B", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion:

"General Order No. 12, December 15, 1942, General Juin, Commander of the French Army Detachment, cites in Army orders, Company "B", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, of the 1st Armored Division:

(Citation)

"A unit of outstanding courage in battle. Under the command of Captain Ellmann, it has accomplished by skillful maneuver and exceptional daring, in less than two days: The recapture of an important

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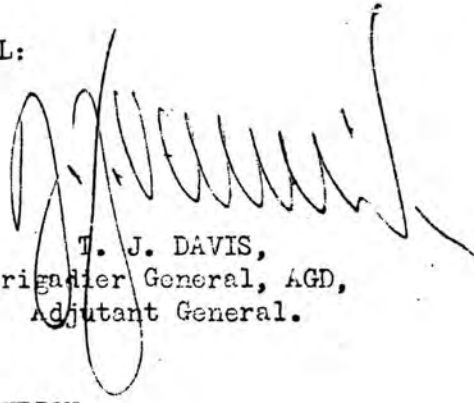
locality occupied by the enemy; the destruction of a strong armored column which attempted to recapture that locality; and the capture of a motorized column which threatened its flank.'

(Signed) JUIN"

By command of Lieutenant General EISENHOWER:

W. B. SMITH
Brigadier General, GSC, Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:



T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "B"
FIRST ARMORED DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General

In The Field,
APO 251, c/o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.
31 December 1942.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer
Battalion, First Armored Division.

1. The skillful and efficient performance of duty of your command while under heavy enemy shell fire, on or about December 11, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia, is highly commendable.
2. Although operating under adverse and sometimes discouraging conditions, the devotion to duty, aggressiveness, courage, and tenacity of Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, remained outstanding throughout.
3. The following named enlisted men of your command are cited for particularly outstanding bravery and performance of duty in destroying a number of enemy guns and tanks while facing heavy enemy tank and artillery fire:
 - Sergeant Frank P. Schmertzler, 32174344
 - Corporal Elmer Hempelmann, 37131810
 - Technician 5th Grade Ray W. Dent, 34088281
 - Technician 5th Grade Leonard L. Jokerst, 37132029
 - Technician 5th Grade William H. Brown, 36302272
 - Technician 5th Grade Foster B. Vantrease, 34147289
 - Private First Class Franklin E. Moravek, 36301616
 - Private First Class Arch M. Chandler, 33090851
4. It is directed that this letter be read to the members of Company "C" and that a copy be incorporated into the history of the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

/s/ Lunsford E. Oliver
LUNSFORD E. OLIVER,
Major General, AUS.
Commanding.

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William H. Bateman Jr.
WILLIAM H. BATEMAN, JR.,
Captain, 701st TD Bn.,
Adjutant

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, COMPANY "C", 701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION, In the Field,
North Africa, January 3, 1943. TO: Sergeant Frank P. Schmertzler,
32174344, Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

1. The basic letter is furnished for your information and permanent possession.

2. I desire to personally add my commendation to that offered by Major General Lunsford E. Oliver for the exemplary manner in which you accomplished your duties in the recent campaign. As your company commander, I particularly appreciate the manner of performance of duty, inasmuch as the teamwork displayed and the aggressiveness that continued throughout the battle made possible the favorable comment concerning Company "C" as a whole.

3. I sincerely hope that another opportunity will reveal the same courage and tenacity of purpose and will result in a speedy victory for our cause.

F. J. REDDING,
Captain, 701st Tank Dest. Bn.,
Commanding.

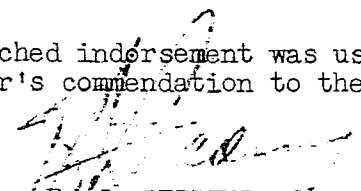
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HEADQUARTERS, COMPANY "C", 701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION, In the Field, North Africa, January 5, 1943. TO: Headquarters, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, A.P.O. 251, U.S. Army.

1. Forwarded for your disposition, per paragraph four (4), basic letter.

2. For your information the attached indorsement was used in forwarding Major General Lunsford E. Oliver's commendation to the members of this command.


F. J. REDDING,
Captain, 701st Tank Dest. Bn.,
Commanding.

1 Incl.

Copy of indorsement to enlisted man,
Company "C", 701st Tank Dest. Bn.

Award file

HEADQUARTERS COMBAT COMMAND "B"
FIRST ARMORED DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General

In The Field
APO 251, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.
3 January 1943

GENERAL ORDERS)

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COMPANY "C", 701st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION: Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion is cited for exceptionally skillful and efficient performance of duty while under heavy enemy shell fire on or about Dec 11, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia. Although operation under adverse and sometimes discouraging conditions, the devotion to duty, aggressiveness, courage, and tenacity of Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, remained outstanding throughout.

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LOUIS A. ROMANI, Serial number unknown, Second Lieutenant, AUS, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, formerly Staff Sergeant, Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion (ASN 32175766), is cited for meritorious service and outstanding performance of duty on December 11, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia. In the face of heavy enemy fire, Lieutenant Romani coolly and calmly maneuvered his self-propelled gun into such position as to engage four attacking German Mark III and Mark IV tanks. Despite heavy enemy 88mm, 77mm, and 47mm fire, Lieutenant Romani, and his crew remained in position until they had accounted for all the attacking tanks. The leadership, courage, and strict attention to duty of Lieutenant Romani resulted in his appointment to commissioned grade.

MATTHEW DIXON, (ASN 34086201), Staff Sergeant, Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, is cited for outstanding bravery and devotion to duty on December 11, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia. In the face of heavy enemy fire Sergeant Dixon coolly brought his self-propelled gun into action against a German 47mm gun emplacement seriously threatening vehicles, equipment, and personnel in the territory. Displaying great courage and calmness under fire, Sergeant Dixon maintained his position and continued to fire until successful in reducing the enemy gun.

HERMAN C. LENZINI, (ASN 36302260), Private First Class, Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, is cited for outstanding bravery and performance of duty on December 11, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia. After engaging Three German Mark III tanks with a self-propelled 75mm gun, Private Lenzini, as gunner, coolly delivered accurate fire and destroyed the tanks despite heavy enemy fire which killed three members of his crew.

PORTER J. SPENCER, (ASN 7040507), Technician Fifth Grade, Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, is cited for outstanding bravery and performance of duty on December 11, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia. As driver of a self-propelled 75mm gun, Technician Spencer coolly and skillfully maneuvered his vehicle into such position that the gunner could successfully engage and destroy three German Mark III tanks. Despite heavy enemy fire which killed three members of his crew Technician Spencer stood by his post until the mission of his section was accomplished.

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By Command of Major General OLIVER:

WAYNE R. COOK,
Major, Cav.
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Wayne R. Cook
WAYNE R. COOK
Major, Cav.
Adjutant.

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3 January 1943.

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	<u>Section</u>
Awards of Purple Heart	I
Awards of Silver Star	II
Citations	III

JAMES E. HEADY, ASN 37003220), Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 13th Armored Regiment. For Meritorious Service and Found received in Action. Staff Sergeant Heady was wounded on November 29, 1942, in the vicinity of Tabourba, Tunisia, in action against an armed enemy. Observing wounded men attempting to crawl away from their disabled vehicles on a battlefield swept by hostile fire, Sergeant Heady voluntarily proceeded with an officer and driver of the medical half-track to evacuate the wounded men. Having successfully loaded two wounded men into the vehicle and while withdrawing from the battlefield, Sergeant Heady received a gunshot wound when enemy fire was intensified. (Medal No.)

MILTON LANCHAK, (ASN 33026492), Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 13th Armored Regiment. For Meritorious Service and Wound received in Action: Technician Lanchak was wounded on November 29, 1942, in the vicinity of Tobourba, Tunisia, in action against an armed enemy. Observing wounded men attempting to crawl away from their disabled vehicles on a battlefield swept by enemy fire, Technician Lanchak volunteered to drive a medical half-track to evacuate the wounded men. Having successfully loaded two wounded men into the vehicle and while withdrawing from the battlefield, Technician Lanchak received a gunshot wound when enemy fire was intensified. (Medal No.)

BILL HALCOMB, (ASN 35131909), Private, Headquarters Battery, 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For Meritorious Service and Wound received in Action. Private Halcomb was wounded on December 6, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia, in action against an armed enemy. Private Halcomb was wounded after he continued to man a machine gun in the face of heavy enemy rifle, mortar, and machine gun fire, when other troops in the vicinity had been withdrawn. (Medal No.)

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III. CITATIONS: The Commanding General is gratified to cite to the command the following units, officers, and enlisted men:

BATTERY "C", 27th ARMORED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION: Battery "C", 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion is cited for bravery and exceptional devotion to duty in the face of combined attack by superior enemy forces consisting of aircraft, tanks, and infantry near Tebourba, Tunisia, on the morning of December 6, 1942. In the face of this enemy assault which finally overran the battery's position, all members of the battery stood to their guns without faltering and unhesitatingly continued to fire until their ammunition was exhausted or until direct hits put them out of action. This exceptional bravery and devotion to duty while under direct fire of tank artillery, machine guns, small arms, and mortars and amid bombing and strafing by enemy aircraft, resulted in heavy losses being inflicted upon the enemy forces and are worthy of the highest commendation, reflecting as they do, the finest traditions of our armed forces and the greatest credit upon the command.

COMPANY "C", 701st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION: Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion is cited for exceptionally skillful and efficient performance of duty while under heavy enemy shell fire on or about December 11, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia. Although operating under adverse and sometimes discouraging conditions, the devotion to duty, aggressiveness, courage, and tenacity of Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, remained outstanding throughout.

RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY, 13th ARMORED REGIMENT: Reconnaissance Company, 13th Armored Regiment, is cited for exceptional performance of duty near Furna on December 10, 1942. During the withdrawal from Furna the members of Reconnaissance Company picked up and towed five disabled half-tracks out of the line of fire. The initiative, resourcefulness, and courage displayed by the officers and men of Reconnaissance Company in preventing this equipment from falling into enemy hands reflect the most creditable qualities of leadership, discipline, and good judgment.

ELMER L. COOK, (ASN 36109774), Private First Class, 14th Ordnance Company (MM), 1st Provisional Ordnance Battalion, is cited for Meritorious Service in action against an armed enemy on December 19, 1942, in the vicinity of La Calle, North Africa. Private Cook's initiative, courage, and devotion to duty in extinguishing a fire on the truck in which he was assistant driver during a strafing attack by enemy planes and later taking care of and obtaining evacuation facilities for the wounded driver, are highly commendable and reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces.

AARON MOODY, (ASN 34171356), Private, Headquarters Battery, 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, is cited for outstanding bravery and devotion to duty on December 3, 1942, near Tebourba, Tunisia. As Forward Observer driver, Private Moody drove a 1/4 ton truck repeatedly through enemy machine gun and artillery fire without regard for his own personal safety and maintained communications which enabled the forward observer to give continuous artillery support to troops in the area. Private Moody's highly commendable performance of duty reflects the best traditions of our armed forces.

CHARLES E. SWAILES, (ASN 33010902), Technician Fifth Grade, Battery "B", 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, is cited for outstanding bravery and devotion to duty on December 10, 1942, in the vicinity of Medjez el Bab, Tunisia. As driver of a half-track with the mission of bringing the vehicle cross-country and out of enemy territory, Technician Swailes displayed initiative, courage, and skill which ultimately overcame his almost insurmountable difficulties. Early in the evening he saved his vehicle from burning by extinguishing a fire in the motor. Later, in negotiating the mud and mire of extremely difficult terrain, his vehicle completely threw a track. Under the most trying conditions and while still in enemy territory he succeeded in getting the track back on, unassisted by any maintenance crews or equipment. Although vehicles all around him were being abandoned as hopelessly mired, Technician Swailes refused to give up and so became one of the few to bring his vehicle and its valuable equipment to safety.

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on December 10, 1942, in the vicinity of El Bathon, Tunisia. While serving as a crew on a 37mm anti-tank gun, these men were subjected to repeated attacks by enemy mortar fire obviously targeted at the correct range. During each series of shelling the gun crew hit the ground without thought of giving an inch, only to resume their fire mission when the shelling lightened. The bravery and devotion to duty of these men merit recognition as a credit to the command and reflect the highest traditions of the armed service.

FLOYD M. CARTER, O-423342, First Lieutenant, Company "B", 6th Armored Infantry, is cited for outstanding bravery and performance of duty on December 6, 1942, in the vicinity of El Bathon, Tunisia. Through machine gun and rifle fire, Lieutenant Carter gallantly led his platoon in a mounted attack against a hill occupied by the enemy, succeeded in taking the hill, and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy. Lieutenant Carter held the position against greatly superior numbers until ordered to withdraw when the battalion position was over-run by enemy tanks. He then successfully withdrew his platoon and rejoined his company. Lieutenant Carter's attack so disorganized and disconcerted the enemy that their infantry advance was stopped. The courageous and daring actions of Lieutenant Carter were an inspiration to the members of his platoon and merit recognition as an outstanding example of skillful leadership and outstanding performance of duty.

ERSEL R. MILLER, (ASN 35272948), Sergeant, Company "B", 6th Armored Infantry, is cited for outstanding bravery and performance of duty on December 10, 1942, in the vicinity of El Bathon, Tunisia. After one machine gun squad was put out of action, Sergeant Miller, upon his own initiative, and acting alone with utter disregard for his own personal safety, gallantly manned an air cooled machine gun which repulsed approximately a company of enemy troops on the verge of encircling the left flank of his company. By staying on this machine gun, alone, Sergeant Miller enabled the remainder of his platoon to rescue another platoon of the company encircled by the enemy. This splendid example of valor and defiance against overwhelming odds reflects the greatest credit to the military service and is worthy of the highest commendation.

By Command of Major General OLIVER:

WAYNE R. COOK,
Major, Cav.
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Wayne R. Cook
WAYNE R. COOK,
Major, Cav.
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMORED DIVISION

GENERAL ORDERS)

APO 251, c/o PM, NYC, NY.

NUMBER 14)

28 February 1943

E X T R A C T

1. The Commanding General is gratified to cite to the command the following named officer and enlisted men of this Division:

HARRISON KING, (019078), Lieutenant Colonel, * * * * * Battalion, is cited for meritorious service and devotion to duty during the period * * * 1943 to * * * * * 1943 near * * * * * * * * *. He was continuously on duty as operations officer of a combat command during this period. Despite lack of sleep, frequent heavy dive bombing and strafing attacks directed against the command post, and with complete disregard for his own welfare, Lieutenant Colonel King remained at his post fulfilling his duties efficiently and courageously. By his untiring devotion to duty he assisted materially in making possible the successful operation against the strongly held enemy positions. His actions are highly commendable and reflect great credit upon the command.

By command of Major General WARD:

GRANT A. WILLIAMS,
Lt. Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. L. SCHMIDT,
Major, A. G. D.,
Actg. Adj. General.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
U. S. ARMY
APO 512

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AG 201-E-Averson, Clayton E. (Enl)

8 March 1943

SUBJECT: Presentation of Decoration.(Posthumous)

THRU : CG, II Corps, APO 302.

TO : CG, 1st Armd Div, APO 251.

1. The award, posthumously, of the Distinguished Service Cross to Clayton E. Averson, 6992296, Staff Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion (H), of your command, has been approved. Attached are copies of the complete citation.

2. This award will be announced to the command in General Orders No. 13, this headquarters, cs.

3. The War Department will make presentation of award to individual's next of kin.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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Hq NATOUSA, 8/3/43 (dup)



J. L. Tarr
J. L. TARR,
Colonel, AGD
Asst. Adjutant General

AG 210.5

1st Ind.

FWZ/vk

HQ II CORPS, APO 302, U. S. Army, 12 March 1943. TO: CG, 1st Armd Div.

For necessary action.

By command of Major General PATTON:

1 Incl: n/c

F. W. Zies
F. W. ZIES,
Lt Col, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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**HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
U. S. ARMY
APO 512**

AG 210.5/002-E

8 March 1943

SUBJECT: Award, posthumous, of Distinguished Service Cross.

THRU : CG, II Corps, APO 302

TO : CG, 1st Armd Div, APO 251

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individual:

CLAYTON E. AVERSON, (ASN 6992296), Staff Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion (H). For extraordinary heroism in action. On 1 February 1943, in the vicinity of Sened, Tunisia, when the vehicle which Staff Sergeant Averson commanded was hit by an enemy shell, set afire, and put out of action, he and one of his men were seriously injured. After ordering the rest of his crew to return to safety, and despite his own serious injury, he remained behind to remove his wounded comrade from the vehicle. To do this, it was necessary for him to expose himself to direct enemy fire, which resulted in his receiving further wounds and caused his death. The great courage, complete disregard for his own welfare, and gallant heroism displayed by Staff Sergeant Averson reflects the highest credit upon the Armed Service.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

E. L. FORD
Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

T. J. DAVIS
Brigadier General, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
701ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 251 c/o Postmaster, N.Y.C., N.Y.

8 March 1943.

SUBJECT: Commendation on 20 years of service in the U. S. Army
TO : Commanding Officer, "B" Co., 701st TD Bn.

1. First Sergeant Raymond L. Todd of your organization has this day completed 20 years of service in the United States Army. He now holds the highest rank a noncommissioned officer can attain. I wish to commend First Sergeant Todd on his integrity, loyalty and devotion to duty over this period of years. By setting an example as a good soldier he has given many a recruit a proper start on his military career. I feel most fortunate in having First Sergeant Todd as a member of my battalion.

2. This letter will be made a permanent part of First Sergeant Todd's 201 file. A copy of it will be incorporated in the battalion historical record.

HARRISON KING,
Lt. Col., 701st TD Bn.,
Commanding.

201-Todd, Raymond L (Enl) 1st Ind.

GAE/ljf

HEADQUARTERS, B COMPANY, 701ST TANK DESTROYER BN, APO 251 c/o PM, NYC,
8 March 1943. TO: Commanding Officer, 701st Tank Destroyer Bn.

Contents of basic communication noted and heartily approved.
First Sergeant Todd has contributed greatly to the success this company has enjoyed since its inception and on the field of battle.

GILBERT A. ELLMAN,
Captain, 701st TD Bn.,
Commanding.

2 MAI 1943

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1^oBUREAU

N^o 1.378 /EM-1

N O T E

pour la Mission Interalliée

Par décision N^o 375/1 en date du 9 Décembre 1942, le
Général GIRAUD, Commandant en Chef a cité à l'Ordre de l'Armée
Française la Compagnie B. du 701^o Tanks Destroyers Battalion
de la 1^o Division Blindée Américaine.

Cette citation comporte l'attribution pour l'unité de
la Croix de Guerre avec palme et non pas la Fourragère réservée
aux Unités ayant été l'objet de 2 Citations à l'Ordre de
l'Armée.-

Le Général d'Armée GIRAUD
Commandant en Chef.

P.O. le Chef d'Etat Major



MISSION MILITAIRE FRANÇAISES
AUPRÈS DES FORCES ALLIÉES

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ALGIERS, 2 May 1943

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1st. OFFICE

No. 1.378 / EM-1

N O T E

for the Interallied Mission

By decision No. 375/1, 9 December 1942, General GIRAUD, Commander in Chief, cited *by* the Orders of the French Army, the Company B. of the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion of the 1st American Armoured Division.

This citation *allows* *privilege* ~~requires~~ the ~~attribution~~ *with palm* for the unit of the Croix de Guerre, and not the Fourragere (*which is*) reserved for the Units that have been the object of 2 Citations *by* the Orders of the Army.

General of the Army GIRAUD
Commander in Chief

French Military Mission
with the Allied Forces

Corrections made at Hq
Fifth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST U.S. ARMORED DIVISION
APO 251, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.

AG 220. (Misc).

4 May 1943

SUBJECT: Citation.

TO : Captain Jesse B. Wray, Company "A", 701st Tank Destroyer Bn.

JESSE B. WRAY, (0304598), Captain, Company "A", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion is cited for exceptional and meritorious service on 2 April 1943 in the vicinity of El Guettar, Tunisia. Several vehicles abandoned by their personnel. Realizing that these vehicles were drawn in enemy fire and endangering materiel and personnel in the vicinity, Captain Wray voluntarily went forward through this artillery fire and removed one of the vehicles. By his initiative and courage he removed a grave source of danger to his company. The devotion to duty with disregard for his own welfare displayed by Captain Wray reflect great credit upon himself and the command are highly commendable. Entered Military service from Draper, North Carolina.

By command of Major General HARMON:

W. L. SCHMIDT,
Major, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS FIRST U.S. ARMORED DIVISION
APO 251, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.

AG 220. (Misc).

4 May 1943.

SUBJECT: Citation

TO : Second Lieutenant Andrew Wallace, Jr., Company "A", 701st
Tank Destroyer Battalion.

ANDREW WALLACE, JR., (01821703), Second Lieutenant, Company "A", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion is cited for exceptional and meritorious service on 2 April 1943 in the vicinity of El Guettar, Tunisia. Several vehicles near his company's position were fired upon by enemy artillery and abandoned by their personnel. Realizing that these vehicles were drawing enemy fire and endangering materiel and personnel in the vicinity, Second Lieutenant Wallace voluntarily went forward through this artillery fire and removed two of the vehicles. By his initiative and courage he removed a grave source of danger to his company. The devotion to duty with disregard for his own welfare displayed by Second Lieutenant Wallace reflect great credit upon himself and the command and are highly commendable. Entered Military Service from Cranston, Rhode Island.

By command of Major General HARRISON:

W. L. SCHMIDT,
Major, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

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HEADQUARTERS 1ST U. S. INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #1, U. S. ARMY

May 7, 1943

SUBJECT: Cooperation of Attached Unit.

TO : Commanding Officer, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

I wish to express to you and to your organization my sincere appreciation for the services you have rendered this division during the time of your attachment thereto. Your willing and effective cooperation has greatly aided our effort, and any success which we may have had are in part due to your prompt and well-coordinated execution of orders.

The initiative and energy which you have displayed and the individual and collective bravery of your unit have consistently assisted us in the accomplishment of our mission. In future operations, we will welcome your return to the 1st Infantry Division.

/s/ Terry Allen,
TERRY ALLEN,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

1st Ind.

HK/ljf

HQ 701ST TD BN, APO 251, U. S. Army, May 11, 1943.
TO: All units, 701st TD Bn.

Basic communication will be brought to the attention of all personnel.

HARRISON KING,
Lt. Col., 701st TD Bn.,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
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AG 330.13/69-P

9 May 1943

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Citation.

TO : CG, II Corps.

Transmitted herewith is the original citation of Co. "B", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, by General Giraud, together with translation.

By command of the Theater Commander:

RECEIVED HQ II CORPS 11 MAY 1943
2 Incls.
1-Citation(French)
2-Citation(Translation)(Dupl)

J. L. TARR,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General

AG 330.13 (AG) 1st Ind.
HQ II CORPS, APO 302, US Army, 25 May 1943.

FW2/rg

To: CG, Fifth Army, APO 464.

is a matter pertaining to your command.

For the Commanding General:

2 Incls:

FIFTH ARMY,
APO 464, U.S. ARMY.

Time

Date

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F. W. ZIES,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
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On Historical file

In reply
refer to

AG 201-~~P~~Wormouth, Donald L. (OFF)

18 September 1943.

Subject: Award of Legion of Merit.

Thru: Commanding General, Seventh Army.

To: Commanding Officer, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Under authority contained in Section IV, War Department Circular No. 131, dated 3 June 1943, a Legion of Merit medal is awarded in the name of the President to the following officer:

DONALD L. WORMOUTH, O419967, Captain, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 December 1942 to 13 May 1943. Captain Wormouth was the Chaplain throughout the Tunisian campaign from the assault toward Sousse on 31 January 1943 until the closing action near Mateur, Tunisia on 13 May 1943. Throughout this entire period he was tireless in his performance of duty and during the time the battalion was in active combat, his perseverance and physical bravery were a continuous inspiration to its officers and men. He spent most of his time in the forward area holding devotional services during rest periods, assisting in carrying for and evacuating the dead and wounded, and constantly seeking ways and means of giving moral and spiritual aid. The actions of Chaplain Wormouth reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Corps of Chaplains.

(This award will be announced to the command in General Orders, this headquarters.)

By command of General H. V. ROBERTS:

R. L. FORD,
Brigadier General, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, A. C. D.,
Adjutant General.

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- 2 - Capt Wormouth
- 1 CG, 7th Army
- 1 - CG, 701st T.D. Bn.

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C.O. 701st T.D. Bn.

SUBJECT: Unit Citation

To: Commanding General, 1st Armored Division
APO 251, c/o Postmaster, N. Y., N. Y.

1. Pursuant to ^{AUTHORITY CONTAINED} Section III, Circular Number 216,

NATOU SA, dated 7 November 1943, recommendation is hereby made for the citation in War Department General Orders for outstanding accomplishment in combat of Company "B" and the 2nd Platoon of Reconnaissance Company, 701 Tank Destroyer Battalion.

2. Description of Incidents. On 16 November 1942, ^{a. ←} Company "B" and the 2nd Reconnaissance Platoon, Reconnaissance Company (hereinafter both included in the designation Company "B") commenced the overland journey from vicinity of Oran to Tunisia. After a forced march Company "B", at about 0100 hours, 22 November, 1942, arrived at Feriana, Tunisia, where it came under the command of Lt. Colonel Edson Raff of the 503 Paratroop Battalion. Here it was learned that a few paratroopers had been compelled by the approach of enemy tanks to evacuate Gafsa and that the airfield at Youks-les-Bains was in danger.

b. At about 0330 hours, 22 November, 1942,

Company "B" started for Gafsa. After reconnoitering and by-passing an enemy minefield, the town was occupied against moderate sniping shortly after dawn. Upon learning later in the day that enemy armor was assembling for a counterattack, Company "B" again moved out and met the enemy shortly before dark near El Guettar. In a sharp fight three tanks were destroyed, and the remainder of the enemy column was routed.

c. When darkness stopped the engagement, Company "B", less one platoon which remained in anti-tank positions east of Gafsa, moved back to Feriana. Having heard reports of an enemy threat at Kasserine, Company "B", less the platoon at Gafsa, left Feriana at dawn, 23 November 1942, again seeking hostile tanks. Not finding the enemy at Kasserine, the small force pushed on, of its own accord, toward Sbeitla where the enemy was met most suddenly in the late morning. A hot fight followed in which eight light tanks were destroyed; seventy (70) prisoners and considerable equipment were taken.

d. By 24 November 1942, French infantry and artillery had moved into Gafsa and Sbeitla so that Company "B" was released to return to Feriana. It remained there as a mobile reserve until 1 December 1942, when it took part with

other units in the successful operation against
Faid Pass.

3. On its march to Tunisia and in its initial engagements there Company "B" was "on its own", both tactically and administratively, to a degree seldom possible for a small unit. In matters of supply, Company "B" dealt directly with the French for rations, fuel and 75 mm ammunition; in matters of motor maintenance it was self-sufficient. In the short period of eight days "B" Company travelled more than 1000 miles and fought two decisive engagements. As a direct result of these engagements the enemy was stopped short, at the commencement of the Tunisian Campaign, in its advance, through Gafsa and Sbeitla, to the important supply base of Tebessa and to the airfields of that town and Youks-les-Bains.

4. It ^{respectfully} is submitted that during this time Company "B" displayed a most unusual aggressiveness, that it exhibited a marked gallantry, determination and esprit in overcoming unusual difficulties and hazardous conditions, and that it is deserving of citation in War Department General Orders.

CITATION

Company "B" and the 2nd Reconnaissance Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, 701 TANK Destroyer Battalion, are cited for outstanding accomplishment in combat. During a period of eight days, commencing 16 November, 1942, Company "B" and attached Reconnaissance Platoon marched more than 1000 miles from vicinity of Oran, Algeria, to the heart of Tunisia, recaptured the town of Gafsa, destroyed three tanks and routed an armored column at El Guettar, and disabled or destroyed eight more tanks and captured 70 prisoners at Sbeitla. By their gallantry, determination and esprit in overcoming unusual difficulties and hazardous conditions

Company "B" and attached Reconnaissance Platoon halted at the beginning of the Tunisian Campaign the advance of enemy armor at widely-separated points on the open battle grounds of the south.

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY
APO 251, c/o Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.

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15 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : The Artillery Officer, 1st Armored Division,
APO 251, U. S. Army.

1. I desire to express the appreciation of the officers and men of this Regiment for the excellent support and cooperation given this Regiment by the Divisional Artillery in our recent engagement on Mount Porchia. We all feel that your support was a definite factor in our success. Every request was fulfilled immediately and accurately and the Sixth Armored Infantry has confidence and respect for your ability as supporting troops.

2. I request that this letter be brought to the attention of all artillery units under your direction.

PAUL STEELE,
Colonel, 6th Armored Infantry,
Commanding.

1st Ind. MWD/npt
HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ARTILLERY, FIRST U.S. ARMORED DIVISION, APO 251, c/o
Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y., 16 January 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 27th, 68th and 91st Arm'd F. A. Battalions;
Commanding Officer, 701st TD Battalion, APO 251, U. S. Army.

It gives me great pleasure to forward to you for your information the above letter of commendation. It is desired that the above letter be published so that all personnel of your battalion are informed of it.

/s/ M. W. Daniel
M. W. DANIEL,
Colonel, Field Artillery,
Commanding.

2nd Ind. JBW/th
Hq 701st TD Bn., APO 251, US Army, 17 January 1944.

TO: All Companies.

Basic letter will be read to all personnel.

For the Commanding Officer:

Jesse B. Wray
JESSE B. WRAY,
Capt., 701st TD Bn.,
Actg. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS II CORPS
APO 302 U. S. ARMY

In the Field
30 January 1944

210.5/214

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Under the provisions of paragraph 3, Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individual is commended:

HUBERT (NMI) WOOSLEY, 15046186, Sergeant, Company "A", 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action from 7 to 9 January 1944, in the vicinity of San Vittore, Italy. On the night of 7 January 1944, Sergeant Woosley volunteered to outpost security for a platoon other than his own in an extremely dangerous sector that was under constant artillery and mortar fire. Due to the proximity of the enemy, whose patrols were constantly attempting to infiltrate through our lines, the positions were very hazardous. Sergeant Woosley recognized the existing danger and unhesitatingly took charge of and maintained a very effective security of the area. The perseverance, foresight and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Woosley reflects great credit upon the Armed Forces and is deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

By command of Major General KEYES:

C. H. BOCK,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
601ST TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO #464 U. S. ARMY

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding Officer, Company "C", 701st Tank Destroyer
Battalion, APO#464, U. S. Army

1. The undersigned desires to express his sincere appreciation for the fullest cooperation and excellent services rendered this unit during the Anzio Beachhead operation. It is this unit's hope that future operations may find your organization working with us again.

/s/ DANIEL S. T. HINMAN,
/t/ DANIEL S. T. HINMAN,
Major, Field Artillery
Commanding

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

JESSE E. TRAY,
Capt., 701st TD Bn.,
Adjutant.

1st Ind.

FJR/th

HEADQUARTERS 701st TANK DESTROYER BN., APO 464, U.S. Army, 27 April 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, Co. "C", 701st TD Bn., APO 464, U.S. Army.

1. Forwarded for your files. Copy will be included in the battalion history.

2. It is a source of gratification to the entire battalion that favorable comments of the type embodied in the basic letter are received. I wish to add my personal commendation for work well done by Company "C".

F. J. REDDING,
Major, 701st TD Bn.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

GENERAL ORDERS)

30 May 1944

NUMBER 46)

AWARD OF LEGION OF MERIT

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Legion of Merit was awarded by the Theater Commander to the following named personnel:

LLOYD CHASTAIN, 37370748, Technician Fifth Grade, Coast Artillery Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in North Africa and Sardinia from 29 April 1943 to 31 March 1944. As Entertainment Director for the 74th Coast Artillery (AA) Regiment, he displayed extraordinary talent and a high degree of ingenuity in providing varied forms of entertainment for the personnel of his organization. Always ready to present spontaneous programs, and working steadily to perfect finished shows, he brought to isolated gun sections and positions the diversion from routine so necessary to maintenance of high morale and efficiency. Other organizations, as well as men confined in British and American hospitals, benefited from his participation with USO units, his appearance on American Red Cross programs and his self-organized musicals. Cheerfully accepting and responding to the multitude of demands made upon him for his services, without regard to the long hours required, he made a definite contribution to the efficiency and morale of his regiment. Entered service from St. Louis, Missouri.

ROBERT E. WARLICK, 34306489, Sergeant, Signal Corps, Special Service Section, Headquarters Fifth Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 10 August 1943 to 8 February 1944. As chief projectionist and non-commissioned officer in charge of all film distribution and repair, he displayed efficiency and ingenuity in creating and expanding the motion picture facilities of the Fifth Army. By his resourcefulness and devotion to duty he overcame many obstacles in the early stage of the Italian Campaign and was the first to show films to the combat troops in Italy. The splendid success of the Special Service Section of the Fifth Army was largely due to the untiring efforts and technical ability of Sergeant Warlick. Entered service from Burlington, North Carolina.

ROBERT W. ZUMWALT, 38337052, Technician Third Grade, (Then Technician Fifth Grade), Corps of Engineers, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 5 August to 13 October 1943, with the G-4 Section, Headquarters, Fifth Army. As a result of his diligent and enthusiastic efforts and study, Technician Third Grade Zumwalt became unusually adept in preparing administrative maps and over-lays with a minimum of supervision on the part of officers of the G-4 Section then concerned with the planning of a large amphibious operation. Accompanying the advance elements of the invasion forces into Italy, he took complete charge of establishing the field camp for the G-4 Section. His knowledge of practical engineering enabled him to compile and prepare for dissemination to newly arriving units, administrative details concerning installations, which under combat conditions were indispensable. Entered service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

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ROBERT W. MARTIN, JR., 33047036, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, Fifth Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from 15 July to 13 October 1943. As a member of the Maintenance and Supply Division, Army Ordnance Section, Headquarters, Fifth Army, Staff Sergeant Martin displayed outstanding knowledge of Ordnance Supply procedure in the preparation of detailed information required by higher headquarters. By his ingenuity, hard work and meticulous attention to details, he was able to set up an efficient method of consolidating a great number of Ordnance Materiel Status Reports. Certain forms of reports and methods of office operation devised by Staff Sergeant Martin materially reduced the man-hours required of his section, and materially aided in the prompt rendering of numerous reports. Entered service from Bedford, Virginia.

ALBERT P. JOHNSON, 18130603, Staff Sergeant, Medical Section, Headquarters Fifth Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 29 July to 13 October 1943. While assigned to duties of unusual responsibility with the Fifth Army Planning Group, he was heavily relied upon to supply the countless details, innumerable facts and all the references needed while planning the medical service for a large amphibious operation. His record of absolute accuracy and his maintenance of high standards enhanced the thorough competence of his work. Because of his initiative, foresight and dependability, he was delegated responsibilities not ordinarily entrusted to one of his grade. His sound knowledge of medical organizational and administrative matters made his services invaluable in many critical situations. His disregard of hazard and inconvenience, his efficiency and superior ability have been a source of inspiration to his associates and made him of invaluable assistance to his officers. Entered service from Oklahoma.

EARL M. RATZER, 16037632, Technical Sergeant, Signal Corps, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 24 August 1943 to 20 April 1944. As non-commissioned officer in charge of cryptographic security for Fifth Army, Technical Sergeant Ratzer, after long hours of study and analysis of encoded traffic between army headquarters and lower units, recommended changes and improvements which materially improved the cryptographic security of the entire Fifth Army. His work in compiling the many radio telephone codes required by an army comprising four nationalities demonstrated outstanding ability and a high degree of thoroughness. In addition to his regular duties, Technical Sergeant Ratzer spent much of his off duty time in training other enlisted men to become proficient in cryptanalysis. Entered service from Chicago, Illinois.

MAYS K. WHITTEN, 18109645, Master Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Fifth Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 18 January to 13 October 1943. As chief clerk, Judge Advocate Section, he diligently performed the many administrative functions incident to the legal work of the Army Headquarters. On his own initiative, he applied himself at nights in order to become proficient in court-reporting. He willingly and unselfishly devoted many night hours in meticulously recording general court-martial records of trials. Master Sergeant Whitten's high standard of military discipline and sincere desire to assume extra responsibilities is worthy of the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered service from Henderson, Texas.

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HENRY J. FORMON, 12063965, Master Sergeant, (then Technical Sergeant), G-1 Section, Fifth Army Headquarters, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 14 January to 13 October 1943. During the period when Fifth Army was being established, and during the planning and first phases of the Italian Campaign, Sergeant Formon distinguished himself by handling extraordinarily large amounts of stenographic and clerical work with outstanding efficiency and skill. His demonstrated ability to handle a much greater volume of work than could normally be expected of one non-commissioned officer, and the standards of excellence which he constantly maintained in his work are a credit to his section and to the military service. Entered service from Ridgefield, New Jersey.

JEPHTHA RYE REVELL, 34149915, Master Sergeant, Headquarters, Fifth Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 30 July to 13 October 1943. As acting chief clerk, G-2 Section, Headquarters, Fifth Army, his efficient preparation and organization of the administrative and clerical details attendant to G-2 planning for the invasion of Italy, contributed materially to the success of the operations. Master Sergeant Revell's willing acceptance of great responsibility in his arduous work performed under trying conditions, often requiring resourceful improvising of equipment and intense precaution in safeguarding of secret documents, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered service from Yazoo City, Mississippi.

ANDREW J. GOODPASTER, 021739, Lieutenant Colonel, 48th Engineer Combat Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 December to 21 December 1943, in Italy. By skillful organization and tireless supervision, he successfully completed the difficult and hazardous task of the conversion of a railroad into a two-way class 40 highway by surmounting the handicaps of adverse weather, observed artillery fire and small arms fire. His determination, courage, and devotion to duty provided inspiration for his men and were in great measure responsible for accomplishment of the mission. Entered service from Granite City, Illinois.

WILLIAM H. JAYNES, 021271, Lieutenant Colonel, Ordnance Department, 6694th Ordnance Base Group (Provisional), for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service as Commanding Officer of the 62d Ordnance (Ammunition) Battalion during the period 24 September to 11 December 1943. Lieutenant Colonel Jaynes, by his coordinating transportation and labor, rendered possible swift and efficient movement of ammunition to supply the forward ammunition supply points at a time when needs were paramount. The unceasing patience and tact which he displayed instilled in the Italian civilian laborers under his command a loyalty to the Allied cause and a will to serve Fifth Army that assured the uninterrupted flow of ammunition during the early and difficult days of the Italian invasion. His qualities of leadership and care for the details of the morale of his troops inspired in the men of his command a spirit of service and of this spirit was born "Arnie Joe" symbolic of the cheerful and tireless devotion to duty characteristic of Fifth Army Ordnance Ammunition troops. To his ability is due the outstanding performance of Fifth Army Ordnance ammunition companies which has contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the campaign. Entered United States Military Academy from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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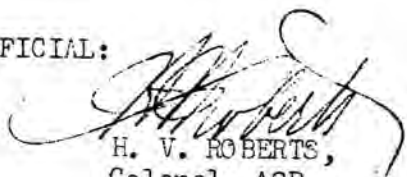
HARRISON KING, 019078, Lieutenant Colonel, Field Artillery, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Battalion Commander, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion. From 10 August to 20 October 1943, immediately after the Battalion had been re-organized with the new M-10 Tank Destroyer, he planned and supervised with marked ability and conspicuous success the training of his personnel with the new equipment. Long an advocate of the employment of Tank Destroyers as supporting artillery, his foresight in anticipating the need for and providing artillery training for his officers and men was responsible for the Battalion's successes in Italy. His professional knowledge, sound judgment and attention to detail, exerted over a long period of time, was the greatest single factor in molding the Battalion into a fine working and highly proficient team. His outstanding contributions to the attainments realized by the Battalion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service and are worthy of the highest praise. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington, D. C.

LAWRENCE P. DEWEY, 015575, Colonel, Cavalry, Headquarters, First Armored Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 15 August 1942 to 15 June 1943. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of the Second Armored Division he was charged with the responsibility of the preparation and the execution of detailed plans for the landings in North Africa by elements of the Second Armored Division. Colonel Dewey, by his thorough planning and forethought, was able to overcome many difficulties in the initial amphibious engagement, which otherwise would have seriously hindered operations of the armored units. Later, as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, of the First Armored Division, he demonstrated profound judgment and keen insight into the many complexities incident to such a position in combat. Entered United States Military Academy from Minnesota.

CLARENCE B. LINDNER, 03813, Colonel, Finance Department, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from 1 September 1942 to 13 October 1943. As Finance Officer of Western Task Force, he planned and directed the finance operations of the Force with such outstanding foresight and judgment that activities involving great sums of money, complicated by foreign exchange problems and an inadequate supply of local currency, were carried out in an exceptionally efficient and praiseworthy manner. His keen conception of the financial situation and his subsequent solution helped prevent a financial crisis facing the Moroccan banks. Later, as Finance Officer, Fifth Army, his extensive knowledge and expert advice and counsel were of material assistance in the successful solution of many difficult finance problems both before and after the invasion of Italy. Entered United States Military Academy from Georgia.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

OFFICIAL:


H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

DAVID G. BARR,
Major General, GSC,
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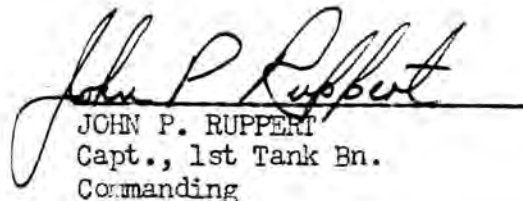
SUBJECT: Commendation, 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 701 T. D. Battalion

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 701 T. D. Battalion (Thru Channels)

1. It is desired to bring to your attention and to make of record the splendid combat service rendered by the 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 701 T. D. Battalion, while it was attached to this organization during the initial beach-head offensive and until we reached Bracciano, Italy, 23 May to the 9 June, 1944.

2. This platoon was employed as a covering force for the tanks over every possible type of terrain and the skillful and aggressive action and complete cooperation of this platoon made possible the success this organization enjoyed during that period.

3. The Officer and men of the 2nd Platoon, Company "A", 701 T. D. Battalion are to be commended for their courage, intelligence and teamwork during this period.


JOHN P. RUPPERT
Capt., 1st Tank Bn.
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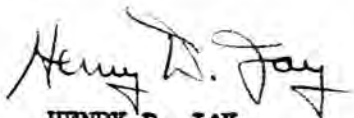
HEADQUARTERS
II CORPS ARTILLERY
APO 19, U. S. ARMY

17 December, 1944

TO: Commanding Officer, 701st T. D. Bn.,
APO 251, U. S. Army

1. I take this opportunity to extend heartiest season's greetings to you and the officers and men of the 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion on behalf of the II Corps Artillery, and to express sincere appreciation for the fine cooperation and high degree of efficiency which characterized your services with and contributed in no small part to the overwhelming success of the II Corps during the past year.

2. May the new year be marked by the continued success of every mission and soon be crowned by ultimate victory.


HENRY D. JAY
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION ARTILLERY
FIRST U.S. ARMORED DIVISION
APO 251 c/o Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y.

28 January 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Commanding Officer, 27th AFA and 91st AFA; Hq & Hq
Btry Div Arty; 701st TD Bn; Assault Gun Platoon
1st Tank Bn, 4th Tank Bn.

I received this date a letter of commendation from the Corps Artillery Officer of the II Corps expressing his appreciation for the energy, initiative, whole hearted cooperation and fighting spirit displayed by the Artillery of the 1st AD. He further stated that the support received left nothing to be desired.

This letter was next indorsed by the Corps Commander II Corps who added his appreciation for the splendid performance of duty of the Division Artillery.

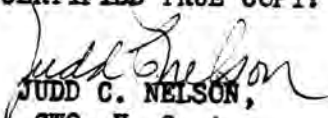
The next indorsement was by the 5th Army Commander who congratulated the Division Artillery for the accomplishments which prompted such recognition.

The final indorsement came from our division commander who desired that the command know how much he appreciated the efforts which brought forth such recognition from Commanders of other units.

This recognition of your efforts is extremely gratifying. You performed an extremely difficult and trying task with outstanding spirit and success.

/s/ W. N. Gillmore
/t/ W. N. GILLMORE
Colonel, F.A.,
Commanding.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


JUDD C. NELSON,
CWO, U. S. A.,
Personnel Officer.

HEADQUARTERS IV CORPS

THE COMMANDING GENERAL

27 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding Officer, 701st Tank Destroyer Battalion,
APO 464, U. S. Army

It is gratifying for me to commend you for the offensive efforts displayed by your battalion in the recent IV Corps operation in Italy.

By your excellent leadership, tank destroyers fought their way against stubborn enemy resistance on some of the most difficult terrain up to and along Mt. Belvedere and on to Cappella di Ronchidos, which eventually placed elements of your organization on important commanding ground in direct observation of enemy road nets.

Although some of your elements were employed to supplement the artillery fires, others were used in the more characteristic tank destroyer role of aggressively engaging the enemy in combat, which role is so vital against an enemy equipped with tanks, armor and self-propelled mounts.

Individual roving tank destroyers along this sector also aided materially in establishing firmly our recently won positions.

Willis D. Crittenger
WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding