

HEADQUARTERS
13TH TANK DESTROYER GROUP
APO 321

9 November 1945

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award.
THROUGH: Commanding General, Southern Islands Area Command, APO 932.
TO : Commanding General, General Headquarters, AFPAC, APO 500.

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, it is recommended that Major John M. Suardi, O365754, Field Artillery, be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious services in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands during the period 7 August 1945 to 18 October 1945.

2. Major Suardi is my Executive Officer. During the period 7 August 1945 to 18 October 1945, Headquarters 13th Tank Destroyer Group operated the island base of Mindoro, P.I. succeeding 8th Army Area Command Troops at APO 321. Major Suardi, Executive of the 13th Tank Destroyer Group, assumed the duties of an Adjutant General during the above period. Although the Adjutant General's Section of the 8th Army Area Command, including an Adjutant General and a personnel officer, departed within a few days after arrival of the 13th Tank Destroyer Group, Major Suardi with a limited number of enlisted personnel, diligently and successfully administered more than 5000 troops, with outstanding devotion to duty, superior ability, initiative and fortitude. During this period it was necessary for him to work from 10 to 14 hours a day, seven days a week and on numerous occasions 24 hours a day to complete his mission, which he did as a matter of course. His outstanding devotion to duty greatly inspired all personnel working under him. He often refused to take a short recreational trip and denied himself many privileges to devote his entire efforts to his work.

a. Major Suardi had many difficulties to overcome. He only had about 3 days to work with the old Adjutant General and had to familiarize himself with the procedure for handling a large number of troops. At the time that he assumed the duties of an Adjutant General there were 30 different units under this command. His only experience in the past was as an Adjutant of a Tank Destroyer Group. He handled all assignments which were new to him, with only 3 days to familiarize himself with the nature of the work, he assumed the duties of an Adjutant General which at the

time included administration pertaining to shipping, air fields, quartermaster, ordnance and engineer property, railroads, signal corps, white and colored port units, sanitary and malaria units, postal unit, finance, special service, graves registration, and Philippine Army. He overcome all difficulties which arose in administering these different type units and successfully accomplished his mission thru his superior ability, initiative, and fortitude. Major Suardi also handled all readjustment for all units under this command up to 18 October 1945 and on one occasion handled readjustment for the 96th Division. This Headquarters relinquished command of this Base to the 96th Division on 18 October 1945.

b. In addition to his duties as Adjutant General it was necessary to assign Major Suardi additional duties as Judge Advocate, due to the limited number of officers in this headquarters. He also diligently and faithfully performed these additional duties though this meant a considerable number of hours would be spent at night to perform his duties as Adjutant General.

c. Due to his untiring efforts and conscientious devotion to duty Major Suardi contributed greatly to the 13th Tank Destroyer Groups' success as the Base Command during the above mentioned periods.

3. I have personal knowledge of the above incidents.

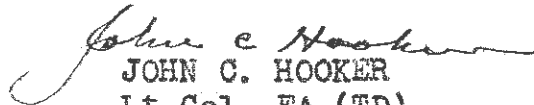
4. Previous decorations and awards, and authority for each: None.

5. a. Rank and organization at time of act: Major, Field Artillery (TD), 13th Tank Destroyer Group.

b. Rank and organization at present time: Major, Field Artillery (TD), 13th Tank Destroyer Group.

6. Name, relationship, and address of nearest relative: Mrs Ruth E. Suardi, (Wife), 910 Miller Street, Clinton, Indiana.

7. The entire service of the above named officer has been since his entry on active duty as a Reserve Officer on 5 March 1940, to date, honorable, and his record shows a manner of performance as "superior" from 31 December 1943 to 17 October 1945, as rated by 4 different commanders, one of which was by a General Officer.


JOHN C. HOOKER
Lt Col, FA (TD)
Commanding

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2. Recommended citation.

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BASIC: Ltr Hq 13th TD Gp, 9 Nov 45, Subj: Recommendation for Award.

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HQ SISAC (Prov), APO 932

TO: Commanding General, AFWESPAC, APO 707

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Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH DIVISION AREA COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
APO 96

6 Dec 45

SUBJECT: Commendation.

201 TO : Major John M Suardi,
Headquarters Special Troops,
96th Infantry Division.

1. I desire to offer you my commendation for the calibre of your work as executive officer of the 13th Tank Destroyer Group, APO 321, from 7 August to 18 October, 1945.

2. During that period, the 13th Tank Destroyer Group served as a base command for the island of Mindoro, Philippine Islands. It was necessary for you to assume duties for which you had not been trained and which normally would fall to officers of the Adjutant General's and Judge Advocate General's Departments. Through outstanding diligence and devotion to duty, you accomplished your mission, and successfully handled the technical and legal administration of 5000 troops scattered through 30 separate units.

3. Your superior performance of these duties under such difficult circumstances is worthy of the highest praise, and reflects a sense of responsibility which other officers might well emulate.

J. L. BRADLEY
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

Send with
efficiency
report.

AGPD-E 201 Suardi, John M.
(30 Mar 46) O 365 754

9 April 1946

Army Commendation Ribbon

Major John M. Suardi
4th Field Artillery Training Regiment
Field Artillery Replacement Training Center
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

1. The letter of commendation addressed to you by Major General J. L. Bradley on 6 December 1945 has been reviewed and it has been determined that it meets the requirements of Circular 377, War Department, 1945 for the period from 2 September 1945 to 18 October 1945. You are therefor authorized to wear the Army Commendation Ribbon.

2. This award has been made a part of your official record.

3. The ribbon is enclosed herewith.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Adjutant General

1 Incl. added
Commendation Ribbon
w/d 1 Incl.
ltr fr Maj Gen Bradley
dtd 6 Dec 45