

HEADQUARTERS 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 26, U. S. Army
1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: All Officers and Enlisted Men

I desire to express to each member of this command my sincere appreciation for the aggressive and courageous action which merited the enclosed commendation from our Army and Corps Commanders.

When you initially attacked for seven days and nights without halting for rest, you met and defeated more than twice your own number. Your advance required the enemy to turn fresh divisions against you, and you in turn hacked them to pieces as you ruthlessly cut your way deep into the flank of the "Bulge". Your feats of daring and endurance in the sub-freezing weather and snow-clad mountains and gorges of Luxembourg are legion; your contribution to the relief of Bastogne was immeasurable. It was particularly fitting that the elimination of the "Bulge" should find the Yankee Division seizing and holding firmly on the same line held by our own forces prior to the breakthrough.

I am proud of this feat by you as well as those you performed earlier. We shall advance on Berlin together.


W. S. PAUL

Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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Ltr, Hq III Corps, 25 Jan 45

HEADQUARTERS III CORPS
Office of the Commanding General
A.P.O. 303, U. S. Army

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25 January 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, 26th Infantry Division, APO 26, U. S. Army

1. The following letter from the Army Commander is quoted to all III Corps units which participated in the relief of BASTOGNE:

CAPT. Daniel
187 Engrs.

"HEADQUARTERS
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
APO 403

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, Officers and Men of the III Corps,
APO 303, U. S. Army.

"1. The speed with which the III Corps assembled, and the energy, skill and persistency with which it pressed its attack for the relief of BASTOGNE, constitute a very noteworthy feat of arms.

"2. You and the officers and men of your Command are hereby highly commended for a superior performance.

"3. You will apprise all units concerned of the contents of this letter.

/s/ G. S. Patton, Jr.
/t/ G. S. PATTON, JR.
Lieut. General, U. S. Army
Commanding."

2. The Corps Commander is gratified to transmit the Army Commander's commendation to the units of Corps troops and divisions participating in the relief of BASTOGNE. The uncertainty of the enemy situation, the stubborn enemy resistance, the disregard for losses and the team work which all units displayed in gaining the goal of relieving BASTOGNE were the contributing factors that made the operations such an outstanding victory, and will be highly valued in the history of each unit.

3. The Corps Commander adds his commendation for the performance of this task well done.

4. The contents of this letter will be made known to all officers and enlisted men of your organizations at the earliest practicable time.

/s/ John Millikin
/t/ JOHN MILLIKIN
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS 312 INFANTRY
Office of the Regimental Commander

APO 79, U. S. Army
31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding General, 79th Infantry Division, APO 79, U. S. Army

1. On behalf of the officers and men of my Regiment, I wish to heartily commend the work done by the 187th Engineer Battalion, in their joint operation with this organization in the crossing of the Rhine on 24 March 1945.

2. Colonel Pearce, his officers, and men, worked with an untiring effort, both in the planning and practices held on the Mos River, and in the actual crossing. The fact that only one of the assault craft was lost, due to mechanical failure, is a living proof of the excellent preparations they made in aiding our successful crossing.

3. The spirit of cooperation exhibited by this Battalion was a credit to the Corps of Engineers, and should serve an excellent example of the results which can be obtained by close cooperation between two branches of the Service.

/s/ EDWIN M. VAN HISEER
/t/ EDWIN M. VAN HISEER
Colonel, Inf, Commanding

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 79, US Army

7 April 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 187th Engineer Battalion

1. The Division Commander is pleased to forward the above commendation, and desires to extend his thanks to the officers and enlisted men of the 187th Engineer Battalion for their splendid performance.

2. During the period from 0400, 24 March 1945 to 1800, 24 March 1945, more than sixteen hundred (1600) vehicles, including tanks and artillery pieces, were ferried across the Rhine River by this battalion. Through the well coordinated assistance of the officers and enlisted men of the 187th Engineer Battalion, the crossing of the Rhine River by the 79th Infantry Division was greatly facilitated.

/s/ FRANKER THOMAS
/t/ FRANKER THOMAS
Colonel, C.S.C.,
Chief of Staff

2d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS XVI CORPS, APO 197, U. S. Army

13 April 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 187th Engineer Combat Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

The Corps Commander wishes to express his appreciation to the officers and enlisted men of the 187th Engineer Combat Battalion for a hard and difficult task well done.

/s/ GEORGE R. BARKER
/t/ GEORGE R. BARKER
Colonel, C.S.C.,
Chief of Staff

3d Ind.

HEADQUARTERS 1103d ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP, APO 339, U. S. Army

17 April 1945

TO: The Commanding Officer, 187th Engr C Bn, APO 339, U. S. Army

1. It is with the greatest of pleasure and pride that this commendation is forwarded. Congratulations on this splendid accomplishment.

/s/ GEO H. WALKER
/t/ GEO H. WALKER
Colonel, CE, Commanding

4th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS 187TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION, APO 339, U. S. Army

19 April 1945

TO: The Officers and Enlisted Men, 187th Engineer Combat Battalion

I take great pleasure in forwarding this commendation to the officers and enlisted men of this battalion to whom all credit rightly belongs.

John E. Pearce
JOHN E. PEARCE
1st Col, CE,
Commanding

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10 March 1965.

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO Commanding Officer, 157th Engineer Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army
Thru: Channels

1. The men and officers of the 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Pz) wish to express their deep appreciation to the 187th Engineer Battalion for their part in the decidedly difficult operation of advancing upon Roermond, Holland from Limburg, Holland the night of 28th February - 1st March 1945.

2. The cool and thoroughly efficient manner in which your men and officers carried out their duties provided reassurance and drew admiration from those of my command who participated. The work of your organization was at all times superior.

/s/ GARRETT J. DOBINS
/s/ GARRETT J. DOBINS
Lt Col., Cavalry
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, 15TH CAVALRY GROUP, APO 339, U.S. ARMY

10 March 1945

TO: Commanding Officer, 157th Engineer C Battalion, APO 969, U.S. Army
[From: Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U.S. Army]

1. This headquarters heartily concurs in the above commendation and takes great pleasure in forwarding same to you.

/s/ ROBERT J. QUINN, JR.
/s/ ROBERT J. QUINN, JR.,
Lt. Colonel, Cavalry,
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS XVI CORPS, APO 197, U. S. Army, 14 March 1945

THRU Commanding Officer, 1148th Engineer Combat Group, APO 339, U. S. Army

TO: Commanding Officer, 187th Engineer Combat Battalion, APO 339, U. S. Army

I take great pleasure in forwarding to you the commendation of the Commanding Officer, 15th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron.

8. I wish to add my personal appreciation to you and the men of your battalion for the splendid cooperation of supporting units and for a job well done.

/s/ JOHN E. ANDERSON
/t/ JOHN E. ANDERSON
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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BN 1146th INGP COMBAT GP, APO 339, US ARMY 16 Mar 45

TO: CG, 187th Engr Combat Bn, APO 539, US Army

I take great pleasure in forwarding this commendation.

/s/ ELLSWORTH I. DAVIS
/t/ ELLSWORTH I. DAVIS
Colonel, CE
Commanding