

OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL  
540 ENGINEER BEACH GROUP CAMEL BEACH

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29 August 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation of Pvt. Elwin L. Jennings.

TO : Commanding Officer, 603rd Ordnance Ammunition Co.

1. On Sunday afternoon, 27 August 1944, at about 1430 hours about two miles east of Yellow Beach on the road from St. Raphael to Cannes there occurred a mine explosion. Two British sailors had apparently gone off the road in search of souvenirs and stepped on a German mine. One sailor was killed outright and his body lay across the path while the other, severely wounded, was sitting further up the path away from the road. Pvt. Jennings was in a passing vehicle that stopped to give assistance. A number of American naval officers, British sailors, and other American soldiers were also present but were hesitant to go to the assistance of the wounded man for fear of additional mines in the vicinity. Pvt. Jennings went up the path alone and brought out the wounded man. 1st Lt. Martin Walsh and Capt. Stewart arrived as he was bringing out the wounded man. Immediate steps were taken to get the body of the dead sailor. A door from a nearby building being used as a litter. Pvt. Jennings was again of great assistance to the two officers in getting the body on the litter and carrying it out. Pvt. Jennings showed great initiative and unselfish courage in his prompt rescue of the wounded man and I wish to commend him for his actions.

/s/ ROY STEWART  
/t/ ROY STEWART, Capt., CMP  
Provost Marshal  
540 Engineer Beach Group  
Camel Beach

I certify this is a true copy.

*Edwin W. Booth*

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Capt., Ord. Dept.  
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