

HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
Office of the Engineer
APO #758 U.S. ARMY

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15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

THRU : Commanding Officer
540th Engr Combat Group
APO 758, U. S. Army

TO : Commanding Officer
Co "A", 2833rd Engr Combat Bn
APO 758, U.S. Army

1. The performance of your command and the 85th Heavy Ponton Battalion in putting a heavy ponton bridge across the Rhine in a little over nine hours and completing it early the afternoon of the assault was a major contribution to the crossing of the Rhine River by the Seventh Army, as well as a splendid performance on the part of your organization. Of all the units that constructed the 33-odd floating bridges across the Rhine River, only three were able to complete their construction within ten hours. Your unit was one of this select group.

2. I congratulate you and your company on a splendid performance.

/s/ Garrison H. Davidson
/t/ GARRISON H. DAVIDSON
Brigadier General, A. U. S.
Engineer

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HEADQUARTERS, 540TH ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP, APO 758, US ARMY, 16 APRIL 1945.

THRU: Commanding Officer, 2833 Engineer Combat Battalion, APO 758, US Army.

TO : Commanding Officer, Company "A", 2833 Engineer Combat Battalion,
APO 758, US Army.

1. Commendation of the Engineer, Headquarters Seventh Army is forwarded with great satisfaction and my sincere congratulations.

2. The vital engineering services rendered in construction of a heavy ponton bridge in record time across the Rhine River at a critical period and under hazardous conditions reflects pride in accomplishment, technical ability and efficiency. It is with pleasure and pride that I add my own personal commendation for an important assignment executed in a superior manner.

DANIEL J. MANNING
Lt Colonel, C.E.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS, 2833RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION, APO 758, U. S. ARMY,
17 APRIL 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, Company "A", 2833rd Engineer Combat Battalion,
APO 758, U.S. Army.

1. It is with great pleasure and personal pride that I forward the attached letters of commendation from General DAVIDSON and Lieutenant Colonel MANNING to you, your officers and men.

2. Through your organization, engineering skill and ability to overcome technical difficulties you constructed a heavy ponton bridge in record breaking time which greatly contributed to the expeditious movement of men and material.

3. I congratulate you and your men for accomplishing a difficult task in a very noteworthy manner.

4. It is my desire that the contents of the letters of commendation attached hereto be read to all members of your command at the next formation of your company.

SEAMAN A. KNAPP, JR.,
Lieutenant Colonel, CE,
Commanding.