

HEADQUARTERS 318TH INFANTRY

APO 80, U. S. Army

11 January 1945

SUBJECT : Commendation.

TO : Members of 318th Infantry, APO 80, U.S. Army.

1. The Regiment has again received high commendations. These commendations belong to you. Every man in the Regiment shares in the praise.

2. In order that each soldier may have a copy of these commendations to send through the mail, excerpts have been made, permissible for this purpose.

3. You all know that a large part of the Regiment has recently assisted another Division in the accomplishment of one of the most notable exploits of the war. It is for this accomplishment that we are being commended.

a. At the successful conclusion of the engagement, the Commanding General stated to the undersigned on the spot:

"We could never have done it without you."

By that he meant each of you.

That is the measure of your constant gallant attacks made without regard to danger or casualties.

b. The same General wrote personally, at a later date, as follows:

"1. I desire to commend the 318th Infantry, less one battalion, for its outstanding performance \*\*\*.

"2. This regiment joined the division after nightfall \*\*\* and both battalions attacked successfully the following morning. The regiment continued to attack against heavy resistance until it was relieved \*\*\*. I consider the dash, determination, and spirit of this regiment to be outstanding and a credit to the American Army.

"3. The assistance rendered by this regiment did much towards the accomplishment of the mission."

c. The commanding General of the larger unit involved in this operation wrote:

"To express my appreciation for the fine works accomplished by your unit in supporting the action \*\*\*. The splendid cooperation shown by \*\*\* subordinate commanders. The work of your unit in this action is greatly appreciated by me \*\*\*.


d. The Commanding General of another large unit participating in the action wrote:

"It is a pleasure for me to add my own commendations \*\*\* for the 318th Infantry's gallant assistance \*\*\*."

e. Our own Commanding General has written:

"The commendatory remarks of \*\*\* are noted with pleasure. I desire to express my appreciation of the fine performance \*\*\*." And again: "It is a great pleasure and privilege to note and forward this letter of commendation. The 318th Regiment has again demonstrated its outstanding combat ability."

4. Every man in the Regiment may take pride at having participated directly or indirectly in this great exploit.

  
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Colonel, 318th Infantry  
Commanding