

FIFTH RANGER INFANTRY BATTALION
APO 655, U. S. ARMY

14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 284th Field Artillery Battalion.

THRU : The Commanding General, XX Corps.

1. Having just completed a very difficult mission successfully, it is my desire and privilege to request that each officer and enlisted man of your command be acquainted with the fact that had it not been for their outstanding and courageous support, the Fifth Ranger Infantry Battalion would not have been capable of obtaining such satisfactory results.

2. The individual heroism and actions under adverse conditions and severe fires during the initial breakthrough and throughout the following severe counter-attacks, by the personnel of the Liaison Party and Forward Observer groups, are worthy of much merit, and it is desired that the necessary information for submission of recommendations for awards be furnished this headquarters, so as to facilitate their submission.

3. The necessity for accurate and rapid delivery of called for fires, during the operation, can be attested to by all who participated.

4. I, at this time, desire to commend the individual gun sections for their tireless and efficient cooperation.

5. As an Infantryman of considerable experience, it is a great pleasure to pass on to your organization, the thanks and appreciation of each member of this command for the support, prompt and efficient, during our past operation, without which we would not have been successful.

6. The efficiency of your command has been outstandingly demonstrated and it is desired that your command share equal credit with this organization for a well done and accomplished mission.

/s/ Richard P. Sullivan
t/ RICHARD P. SULLIVAN
Lt. Col., Infantry,
Commending.

FOR: Commanding Officer, 204th Field Artillery Battalion, A.P.O.403, US Army.

THRU: Commanding General, XX Corps Artillery, A.P.O.340, U. S. Army.

I desire to add my own commendation to that of the Commanding Officer, 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion, for the outstanding performance rendered by the 284th Field Artillery Battalion throughout this operation.

/s/ Walton H. Walker
/t/ WALTON H. WALKER
Major General, United States Army
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, XX CORPS ARTILLERY, APO 340, U S Army, 19 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 284th FA Battalion, APO 403, U S Army.

THRU: Commanding Officer, 5th FA Group, APO 403, U S Army.

It is with great pleasure that I add my personal commendation to that contained in basic letter and 1st Indorsement. Your command demonstrated superior performance of duty in rendering outstanding artillery support to the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion. The actions of the members of your command reflect great credit on themselves and the military service.

/s/ J. E. Slack
/t/ J. E. SLACK
Brigadier General, United States Army
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, 5th FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP, APO 403, U S Army, 22 March 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, 284th FA Bn, APO 403, U S Army.

I am happy to forward commendation for a mission well done under adverse circumstances.

/s/ J. E. Theimer
/t/ J. E. THEIMER
Col, FA
Commanding