

HEADQUARTERS 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION ARTILLERY

APO #5, U. S. Army,
19 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO: Lt. Col. Horace L. Sanders, Commanding 284th Field Artillery Battalion.
(Thru: Military channels).

1. 284th Field Artillery Battalion (light, 105mm HOW) was attached to 5th Infantry Division Artillery on 25 August 1944, detached on 27 August 1944, and re-attached on 30 August 1944, since which time it has continuously been attached.

I sincerely regret the pending detachment of 284th Field Artillery Battalion from this Division Artillery.

2. The period during which the battalion has been attached has included the actions at MONTEREAU and NOGENT, the passage of the Rivers SEINE and MARNE, the liberation of the city of REIMS, the actions in the vicinity of the FORET de ARGONNE and of VERDUN, the liberation of VERDUN, the passage of the River MEUSE, the advance to the vicinity of the fortress of METZ, and the actions about that fortress, including the passage of the River MOSELLE, the establishment and maintenance of a bridgehead East of that river and the attacks upon the FORTIFIED GROUP DRIANT.

3. Throughout all the period noted, the conduct of 284th Field Artillery Battalion has been exemplary, and its military performance of the highest order. Delivery of fire by the battalion has met every requirement, and I have had several occasions to congratulate both yourself and your command upon the energy and care devoted to preparation of battery positions, maintenance of materiel, etc.

4. It is desired to commend both you and your battalion for a fine and soldierly performance, and to express the hope that you may soon again be attached to this command.

S/ H. C. Vanderveer,
T/ H. C. VANDERVEER,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

HCV/wjh

201.22 1st Ind. /or
Hq. 5th Inf. Div., APO 5, US Army, 26 October 1944.

To: Commanding Officer, 284th Field Artillery Battalion. (Through Channels)

1. It has been my good fortune and pleasure to observe throughout all the period mentioned in basic communication the superior manner of performance of the 284th Field Artillery Battalion.

2. It is my desire to add to General Vanderveer's my commendation to both the officers and men of your battalion for their performance of their duties which were accomplished in a superior manner.

S/ S. Leroy Irwin,
T/ S. LEROY IRWIN,
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

201.22- 2d Ind. /rec
HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS, A.P.O. 340, U. S. Army, 30 October 1944.

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

The Corps Commander has noted with pleasure the above letter of commendation and indorsement, and desires to express his gratification for the superior manner in which these duties were performed.

By command of Major General WALKER:

S/ Robert E. Cullen,
T/ ROBERT E. CULLEN,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

201.22

3rd Ind.

JES:vtm

HEADQUARTERS XX CORPS ARTILLERY, APO 340, U S Army, 31 October 1944.

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

1. It is with great pleasure that I forward the above letter of commendation and indorsements. I desire to add my gratification to the officers and men of the 284th FA Battalion for the superior performance of their duties. It marks the 284th FA Battalion as an outstanding artillery battalion.

2. I desire that this correspondence be reproduced and disseminated throughout your command.

S/ J. E. Slack
T/ J. E. SLACK
Brig Gen, USA
Commanding

201.22 (Commendation)

4th Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS 284TH FA BN., APO 403, U S Army, 5 November 1944.

TO: Officers and Men, 284th Field Artillery Battalion, APO 403, U S Army.

1. It is with the highest degree of pride that I pass on to each one of you this commendation from the Commanding General, 5th Division Artillery, and the indorsements by the Commanding Generals of the 5th Infantry Division, the XX Corps, and the XX Corps Artillery. In less than two months you have established an enviable reputation among the artillery battalions in action on this front. This could never have been possible without the whole-hearted cooperation and unselfish devotion to duty of each officer and man of this battalion. During this period, you have endured without complaint the hardships of the battlefield, many of you have been wounded, and four of our number have been killed; yet, when we consider the damage which we have inflicted upon the enemy and the support which we have given to the Infantry, our hardships, our wounds and our losses become badges of honor which we wear with pride. We are achieving the ultimate objective of all field artillerymen.

2. In passing this commendation on to you, I wish to make very clear to you my feelings as far as the appearance of my name in the address of this letter is concerned. My name appears on that basic letter merely because I happen to be the battalion commander at this time. The foundation for this letter was laid long before I joined you; it was laid in the early days of your service at Camp Rucker and at Fort Riley, where you acquired your basic training. I feel that it is a high honor to command this battalion and that this recommendation belongs to each officer and man of this battalion.

Horace L. Sanders
HORACE L. SANDERS
Lt. Col., FA
Commanding

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I certify that the above reproduction is a true copy, and further that Tec 5. Edward Wasilewski, 36357872 was a member of this command during the above period.

HEADQUARTERS, 284th F. A. Bn.
APO 403 - U. S. Army

29 January 1945

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letter XX Corps dated 27 January 1945.

Horace L. Sanders
HORACE L. SANDERS
Lt. Col., 284th FA Bn.
Commanding

For the Battalion Commander:

H. J. Goodman
H. J. GOODMAN, CW4 USA
Personnel Adjutant