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HEADQUARTERS, 284th F. A. Bn., APC 403, U. S. Army, 24 April 1945.

TO: The Officers and Men of the 284th Field Artillery Battalion.

1. It is with a feeling of great pride and happiness that I pass on to you this commendation from the Commanding Officer, Fifth Ranger Battalion, with its indorsements by the Corps, Corps Artillery, and Group commanders. To be invited to share with the gallant Rangers credit for a difficult mission successfully completed, is to reach the heights in valor and heroic achievement.

2. We have already counted the cost of this operation in men killed and wounded. We know how many of our comrades have suffered grievous wounds in the accomplishment of our mission. We know how difficult it has been to replace in our hearts and in our military team those who made possible our artillery support in this operation. Yet, we draw from this operation the knowledge that we have again fulfilled the highest traditions of the field artillery. In the knowledge that we saved many a Ranger from death on that battlefield lies the comfort for those who are now missing from our rolls. The memory of those days when we occupied position in the vicinity of Hamm will live forever in our memory.

3. May I congratulate you, each man of the battalion, for the splendid devotion to duty that led you into those difficult days and nights at Hamm and at Serrig, and which resulted in the completion of one of the most glorious periods of our battalion history. No unit has ever followed so willingly the dictates of the spirit of the Red Guidon and no unit has ever performed more gallantly on the field of battle than did you in those difficult days and nights. I am honored to be the commander of such a battalion.

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