

HEADQUARTERS 103d DIVISION ARTILLERY  
Office of the Commanding General

APO 470, U.S. Army  
26 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 382nd F.A. Bn.

1. I desire to commend the Officers and men of the 382nd F.A. Bn., for the superior manner in which the Battalion displaced from the vicinity of \* \* \* , FRANCE to \* \* \* , Germany on the night of 22 March 1945.

2. At about 1800, 22 March 45, it was decided that the Infantry would send a battalion to follow the Task Force up to \* \* \* , GERMANY and if the Infantry reached its objective, it would be out of range of light artillery. Your Battalion kept continuous reconnaissance and was fully prepared to occupy positions for support. During the hours of darkness, your Battalion displaced to the vicinity of \* \* \* , GERMANY under enemy observation knowing that only the route of the Task Force was clear and the woods were full of Germans.

3. The aggressiveness, leadership, magnificent courage and manner in which your Battalion displaced, reflects not only a high state of training, but also a full understanding on the part of every member of the Battalion of the primary mission of light artillery; the close support of the Infantry.

4. The spirit displayed by your Battalion in this displacement is a source of great pride to all higher commanders. Your success in this accomplishment added materially to the rout of the enemy. Teamwork, without which there can be no success in battle, has been yours to a superlative degree.

/s/ Roger M. Wicks,  
/t/ ROGER M. WICKS,  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.  
Commanding