

HEADQUARTERS 103d INFANTRY DIVISION
Office of the Commanding General

APO 470, U.S. Army
27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding Officer, 382d Field Artillery Battalion,
APO 470, U.S. Army.

THRU : Commanding General, 103d Division Artillery, APO 470,
U.S. Army.

1. I wish to commend the officers and men of the 382d Field Artillery Battalion 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 the leading battalion of the 409th Infantry was ordered to * * *, GERMANY beyond effective artillery support from the most advanced safe positions then occupied by 382d Field Artillery Battalion. During the hours of darkness, this artillery battalion displaced to the vicinity of * * *, GERMANY under enemy observation, knowing that the Germans were not cleaned out of the wooded, mountainous terrain on either side of the road, protected only by the small arms of the cannoneers.

3. The aggressive leadership displayed by officers and non-commissioned officers and the superior manner in which your Battalion displaced reflect 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 and continuous support of the infantry.

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

/s/ A.C. McAuliffe

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Major General, United States Army
Commanding