

HEADQUARTERS 103d DIVISION ARTILLERY
Office of the Commanding General

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SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer's, 382nd, 383rd, 384th, 928th,
242nd and 141st F.A. Bns.

1. The Commanding General, VI Corps, recently expressed high praise for the work of the Division Artillery of the 103d Infantry Division in the destruction of enemy columns attempting to retreat over Merod from the vicinity of * * * , GERMANY to the vicinity of * * * , GERMANY on 21-22 March 1945. He stated that the results accomplished show the unquestionable ability of the artillery of this Division to adjust rapidly and accurately and to mass artillery to its maximum effectiveness.

2. The Corps Commander, prior to his distinguished record Commanding a Division and Corps, spent many years as an outstanding Field Artilleryman and commendation from such an authority cannot be questioned.

3. The 242nd F.A. Bn., and 141st F.A. Bn., worked directly with the Division Artillery throughout this engagement and any success attained by us must be equally shared with these two battalions. They responded to all calls with the same speed and accuracy of the organic battalions.

4. It is a source of great pride to me to know that the six battalions under my control during this operation functioned in such a way as to elicit the above praise. Artillery is teamwork. It is difficult or impossible to select outstanding individuals, sections, batteries or battalions in an action such as has just been completed. Superior observers, fire direction centers and gun squads brought about the destruction of these columns but this superiority would have been useless without equally outstanding communications and survey personnel, ammunition trains, air sections and all administrative and supply personnel. I wish to add my commendation to that of the Corps Commander for the outstanding performance of all personnel in the Division Artillery and attached and reinforcing artillery during the attack and breaching of the Siegfried Line.

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