

**UNIT CITATION
AND
CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION
CREDIT REGISTER**

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UNIT CITATION AND CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT REGISTER

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1. Purpose

This pamphlet is published to assist commanders and personnel officers in determining or establishing the eligibility of individual members for campaign participation credit, assault landing credit, unit citation emblems, and occupation duty credit for World War II and for the Korean War.

2. Nature of Contents

This pamphlet contains a register of unit citations and of campaign participation credits for World War II and for the Korean War. Incorporated in the register are the following types of information concerning all affected units:

- Campaign Participation Credits
- Assault Landing Credits
- Distinguished Unit Citations
- Presidential Unit Citations (Navy)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Foreign Unit Citations
- Army of Occupation Credits
- U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Citations
- Berlin Airlift Credits

3. Unit Designations

All unit designations contained herein are the contemporary designations during World War II and the Korean War.

4. Arrangement of Register

a. The register is in four parts. The first part lists units numerically.

b. The second part lists certain units alphabetically.

c. These two parts have the same page arrangement, with five columns: Unit, Campaigns, Distinguished Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and a single column for Assault Landings, Foreign Unit Awards, Navy Unit Awards, Occupation Credit and Remarks. Thus, they list all citations and awards indicated in paragraph 2 except the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Berlin Airlift Credit.

d. The third part lists Army units which received the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

e. The fourth part lists Army units designated as having participated in the Berlin Airlift.

5. Miscellaneous Information

Data recorded on the following three types of awards may be incomplete for the reasons indicated. Additional information concerning unit entitlements for these three credits may be obtained from The Adjutant General (ATTN: AGPS-AD).

a. Formerly, awards by field commanders of the Meritorious Unit Commendation were not confirmed in General Orders published by Headquarters, Department of the Army. Therefore, the register reflects only those unit awards which are of record in Department of the Army General Orders.

b. In instances when citations were awarded to detachments or other small elements or to temporary organizations, notes under *Remarks* indicate what additional information may be obtained from The Adjutant General.

c. Credit for occupation duty is recorded in the register only for those units which were in Germany, Austria, Italy, Korea, or Japan at the time of cessation of hostilities. Units which arrived in one of those countries at later dates may not be listed. Verification of entitlement of any unit may be obtained from The Adjutant General.

6. Explanation of Codes

Three codes are used in the register. One is a letter code which is explained in the heading of the right column on each page of the register. The other two are numerical codes to identify campaigns and foreign unit awards. They are as follows:

Code	Campaign
1.....	Air Offensive, Japan
2.....	Aleutian Islands
3.....	Bismarck Archipelago
4.....	Burma 1942
5.....	Central Burma
6.....	Central Pacific
7.....	China Defensive
8.....	China Offensive
9.....	East Indies
10.....	Eastern Mandates (Ground)
11.....	Guadalcanal
12.....	India-Burma
13.....	Leyte
14.....	Luzon
15.....	New Guinea
16.....	Northern Solomons
17.....	Papua
18.....	Philippine Islands
19.....	Ryukyus
20.....	Southern Philippines
21.....	Western Pacific (Ground)
22.....	Air Offensive, Europe
23.....	Algeria-French Morocco
24.....	Anzio
25.....	Ardennes-Alsace
26.....	Central Europe
27.....	Egypt-Lybia
28.....	Ground Combat, EAME Theater
29.....	Naples-Foggia (Ground)
30.....	Normandy
31.....	North Apennines
32.....	Northern France
33.....	Po Valley
34.....	Rhineland
35.....	Rome-Arno
36.....	Sicily (Ground)
37.....	Southern France
38.....	Tunisia (Ground)
39.....	UN Defensive
40.....	UN Offensive
41.....	CCF Intervention
42.....	First UN Counteroffensive
43.....	CCF Spring Offensive
44.....	UN Summer-Fall Offensive
45.....	Second Korean Winter
46.....	Korea Summer-Fall 1952
47.....	Third Korean Winter
48.....	Korea Summer-Fall 1953

Code	Foreign Unit Awards
49.....	French Croix de Guerre
50.....	French Fourragere
51.....	Netherlands Orange Lanyard
52.....	Netherlands Military Order of William
53.....	Luxembourg Croix de Guerre
54.....	Citation in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army
55.....	Belgian Fourragere
56.....	Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
57.....	Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
58.....	Bravery Gold Medal of Greece
59.....	Italian Cross for Merit of War
60.....	State of Viet Nam Presidential Citation (Ribbon of Friendship)

7. How To Use Register

As an illustration, the awards and citations pertaining to Headquarters Troop, 1st Cavalry Brigade are found as follows:

a. The unit is listed on page 5 in the left column, on the third indented line below the entry, "1st Cavalry Brigade."

b. In the second column, the entry "3, 13, 14, 15" tells that it participated in the four campaigns of Bismarck Archipelago, Leyte, Luzon, and New Guinea.

c. In the third column, award of the Distinguished Unit Citation was confirmed in Department of the Army General Orders 33, 1948.

d. In the fourth column, absence of an entry indicates that the unit was not awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

e. In the fifth column, the unit was credited with participating in the assault landing on Leyte, 20-22 October 1944, by War Department General Orders 109, 1946. It also received a foreign decoration, the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for two periods of service, from 7 December 1941 to 10 May 1942 and from 17 October 1944 to 4 July 1945; service with the unit during either period is qualifying for a member to wear the emblem. This award was confirmed in Department of the Army General Orders 47, 1950.

8. Abbreviations

Because of the length of the register, because it is organized in columnar form, and because of the extreme frequency of usage of the terms throughout the register, it was necessary for space saving to use the following abbreviations:

Terms	Abbreviations
War Department General Orders.....	WD GO
Department of the Army General Orders.....	DA GO

Thus, "DA GO 43-50" means "Department of the Army General Orders 43, 1950."

UNIT	CAMPAIGNS	DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION		MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION			A—ASSAULT LANDINGS F—FOREIGN UNIT AWARDS N—NAVY UNIT AWARDS O—OCCUPATION CREDIT R—REMARKS
		From—	To— General Order—	From—	To—	General Order—	
422d Signal Company.....	5, (8).....						R—(8) campaign, Headquarters
422d Subistence Depot.....	10.....						O—2 May—18 Sep 45, Germany
422d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 10th Armored Division.....	25, 26, 34.....						O—2 May—4 Jul 45, Germany
422d Army Service Forces Band.....	32.....						R—(24) campaign, 1st Platoon only
422d Engineer Dump Truck Company.....	(24), 31, 33, 35.....						F—54, 16—21 Dec 44, DA GO 43—50, 3d Plat, Co F
422d Field Artillery Group, Hq & Hq Battery.....	31, 33, 35.....						O—5 Jul—18 Sep 45, Germany
422d Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Div.....	25, 32, 34.....	17—23 Dec 44, DA GO 45—48, 3d Plat, Company F.....					F—55, 7 Dec 41—10 May 42 or 17 Oct 44—4 Jul 45, DA GO 47—50.
422d Malaria Survey Detachment.....	14, 15.....						O—2 May—31 Oct 45, Germany
422d Medical Collecting Company.....	25, 26, 32, 34.....	28 Feb—9 Mar 45, WD GO 72—65, Ambulance Platoon only.....					O—2 May—31 Oct 45, Germany
422d Ordnance Evacuation Company.....	26.....			31 Jan—31 Mar 45, GO 32, Hqs, US Army Forces, MPAC, dtd 28 Feb 46.....			O—2 May—31 Oct 45, Germany
422d Quartermaster Laundry Company.....							
422d Quartermaster Platoon.....	21.....						O—19 Sep—31 Oct 45, Germany
422d Replacement Company.....	14.....						
422d Signal Company.....	32, 34.....						
424th Army Service Forces Band.....	34.....			2 Jul 44—1 Apr 45, GO 370, Hqs, TSFET, dtd 20 Dec 45, Det only.....			A—Southern France, 15—16 Aug 44, WD GO 70—45
424th Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment.....	25, 26, 34, 35, 37, 38.....						O—2 May—4 Jul 45, Germany
424th Engineer Dump Truck Company.....	44, 45, 46, 47, 48.....	13 Jul 53, DA GO 1—54, Btry A.....					F—57, 19 Sep 50—31 Jul 52, DA GO 41—55
424th Field Artillery Battalion.....	31, 33, 35.....						R—44 campaign, dates 21—27 Nov 51
424th Field Artillery Group, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery.....	25, 32, 34.....			16 Dec 44—15 Mar 45, GO 42, Hqs, 106th Inf Div, dtd 2 Jun 45, Svc Company only.....			F—55, 16 Dec—31 Dec 44 and 20—29 Jan 45, DA GO 43—50
424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Div.....	14, 15.....						O—20 May—18 Sep 45, Germany
424th Medical Collecting Company.....	25, 30, 32, 34.....						A—Lingayen Gulf, Pt. 9 Jan 45, WD GO 100—46
424th Military Intelligence Interpreter Team—G.....	25, 34.....						F—55, 7 Dec 41—30 May 42 or 17 Oct 44—4 Jul 45, DA GO 47—50.
424th Ordnance Evacuation Company.....	35.....			1 Jun—30 Sep 44, GO 230, Hqs, Peninsular Base Sec, dtd 28 Aug 45.....			O—15 Nov 45—20 Feb 46, Japan
424th Quartermaster Laundry Company.....	21.....						O—20 May—31 Oct 45, Germany
424th Quartermaster Platoon.....	22.....						
424th Ambulance Company.....	23, 34.....						O—20 May—4 Jul 45, Austria and 20 Sep—31 Oct 45, Germany.
424th Army Service Forces Band.....	29, 31, 33, 35 (26).....						O—4 Jun—4 Jul 45, Germany
424th Engineer Dump Truck Company.....	29.....						R—(25) campaign, Hq & Hq Btry only
424th Field Artillery Group.....	25, 30, 32, 34.....						O—2 May—30 Oct 45, Germany
424th Medical Battalion.....	25, 30, 32, 34.....						O—2 May—30 Oct 45, Germany
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.....	29, 35.....			15 Oct 43—30 Sep 44, GO 145, Hqs, Peninsular Base Sec, dtd 25 May 45.....			F—55, 7 Dec 41—10 May 42 or 17 Oct 44—4 Jul 45, DA GO 47—50.
425th Military Intelligence Interpreter Team—G.....	13, 14, 15.....						F—57, 19 Sep 50—31 Jul 52, DA GO 41—55
425th Quartermaster Laundry Company.....	41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48.....			15 Jan 51—15 Jun 52, DA GO 85—82.....			F—57, 11 Jul 53—1 Oct 53, DA GO 24—54
425th Quartermaster Platoon.....	25, 26, 30, 34.....	18—27 Dec 44, WD GO 17—45.....		18 Sep—25 Nov 44, GO 300, Hqs, 101st Abn Div, dtd 3 Oct 45.....			R—41 campaign, dates 21 Dec 50—24 Jan 51
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.....							A—Normandy, 6—7 Jun 44, WD GO 116—46
425th Airborne Quartermaster Company, 101st Airborne Division.....	25, 26, 30, 34.....						A—Nijmegen-Arnhem, 17 Sep 44, WD GO 70—45
425th Engineer Dump Truck Company.....	25, 29, 34, 35.....						F—49, 6 Jun—8 Jul 44, DA GO 43—50
425th Field Artillery Group.....	29, 34.....						F—51, 17 Sep—28 Nov 44, DA GO 43—50
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery.....	25, 30, 32, 34.....						F—55, 6 Jun 44 and 22—27 Dec 44, DA GO 43—50
425th Medical Battalion.....							O—20 May—14 Aug 45, Germany
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.....							O—20 May—4 Jul 45, Germany
							O—20 May—29 Sep 45, Germany
							O—20 May—29 Sep 45, Germany
							O—4 Jun—31 Oct 45, Germany
							O—4 Jun—31 Oct 45, Germany

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GENERAL	Section I
LIST OF UNITS AND CITATIONS	II
RESCISSIONS	III

I. GENERAL.—1. Confirmation.—The following list of units of the United States Army to which decorations have been awarded by cobelligerent foreign governments during World War II, together with the citations therefor, is confirmed in accordance with current regulations.

2. Wearing of foreign decorations.—The wearing of foreign decorations by individuals will be in accordance with AR 260-15 and the following:

a. French and Belgian Fourragere.—Normally, two citations are required before a unit becomes eligible for the award of the Fourragere. The award of the Fourragere is not automatic, but must be specifically authorized by decree of the respective foreign government. A citation in orders or award of the Croix de Guerre to a unit does not authorize the wearing of the decoration by an individual. Likewise, no award of the Croix de Guerre to an individual will serve to constitute eligibility to wear the Fourragere. The Fourragere may be worn permanently by individuals who participated with the unit in both actions for which the unit was cited. The French Fourragere may be worn temporarily by individuals assigned to the unit subsequent to the time the award was made, but only so long as they remain with such unit. The Belgian Fourragere is not authorized to be worn temporarily.

b. Netherlands Orange Lanyard.—The Netherlands Orange Lanyard may be worn permanently by individuals who participated with the unit in the action for which it was cited and temporary wearing of the Lanyard is not authorized.

101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION—Continued

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penetration into Belgium and it served as a pivot to the operations of the counter-offensive, which liberated the invaded territories. During these operations, due to its courage, endurance, discipline, and experience in fighting, the 101st Airborne Division pushed back the unceasing attacks of the elements belonging to eight German divisions, in spite of scarcity and difficulty of obtaining supplies. These troops and their chiefs wrote one of the most beautiful pages of military history and earned the admiration of the world and the everlasting gratitude of Belgium.

463d Precht FA Bn (Atchd to 509th Precht Inf Combat Team)

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER STAR, awarded under Decision No. 246, 15 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic (for citation, see "509th Parachute Infantry Combat Team" listed in numerical sequence in par. 4e).

506th Precht Inf Regt (Atchd only, during the periods covered by these citations. Asgd on 1st March 1945)

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 367, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic (for citation, see "101st Airborne Division" above).

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, by Decree No. 1196, 22 October 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "101st Airborne Division").

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, by Decree No. 1196, 22 October 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "101st Airborne Division").

BELGIAN FOURRAGERE (1940), awarded under Decree No. 1196, 22 October 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom.

106TH INFANTRY DIVISION

81st Engr Combat Bn, Hq & Sv Co 423d Inf Regiment, 3d Plat, Co F (Atchd to 7th Armored Division)

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, by Decree No. 7523, 13 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "7th Armored Division" first citation only).

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81st Engr Combat Bn, Co C
331st Med Bn, Co C
(Atchd to 7th Armored Division)

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, by Decree No. 7253, 13 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "7th Armored Division" second citation only).

424th Inf Regiment
591st FA Bn
(Atchd to 7th Armored Division).

589th FA Bn (105-How)

4. Nondivisional units.—a. Army Field Forces Units.

Allied Military Government, Fifth Army

Antwerp X AAA Comd
Hq & Hq Btry
17th AAA Group, Hq Btry
30th AAA Group, Hq Btry

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, by Decree No. 7253, 18 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "7th Armored Division").

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, by Decree No. 7253, 18 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom (for citation, see "7th Armored Division").

BELGIAN FOURRAGERE (1940), awarded under Decree No. 7253, 18 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, awarded under Decision No. 247, 16 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A remarkable battalion whose brilliant conduct was greatly valued during the battles of Saint Vith and Manhay on 16 to 23 December 1944. Attacked by an enemy operating in force but filled with the desire to conquer at any cost, it remained in position and, with direct and accurate fire, kept the attackers from access to vital communications south of Manhay. Short of food, water and pharmaceutical products, the 589th Field Artillery Battalion endured three attacks without flinching, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and forced him to retire.

CROSS OF WAR MERIT, awarded under Royal Italian Army Order No. 927, 17 November 1945, by the Minister of War, with the following citation:

In testimony of the personal courage, abnegation, capacity for organization and realization of the officers and men of the Allied Military Government, Fifth Army, shown in the course of the campaign of liberation, to the benefit of the civil population so long bound by hard servitude and disastrously injured by the devastation of war. The generous military spirit and high and humanitarian sense of responsibility, inspired by the most noble traditions of the American people, contributed in a decisive manner to reinforce the bonds of admiration, of respect, and of friendly understanding between the two peoples.

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, by Decree No. 2509, 17 June 1946, as amended by Decree No. 4309, 26 September 1947, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom, with the following citation:

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11th Inf Regiment, 2d Bn

5TH INFANTRY DIVISION—Continued

fall. Counterattacked at dawn by a powerful enemy, it succeeded in holding its position in spite of heavy losses due to a lack of antitank arms. After 6 days of uninterrupted combat, it occupied the village of Army and forced the enemy to fall back.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 267, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A unit possessing fine qualities of skill in maneuvers and heroism. Near Fontainebleau, on 23 and 24 August 1944, it crossed the Seine under fire from mortars and artillery, and established a bridgehead on the opposite bank. In spite of furious counterattacks, it succeeded in breaking the enemy vise, thus permitting the main body of Allied troops to continue its advance in the liberation of French territory.

9th Armd Inf Bn

6TH ARMORED DIVISION

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 267, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A unit which distinguished itself by the courage and heroism of its members. In the course of the attack on a position in the neighborhood of Chambrey, district of Nancy, it rushed to the attack under enemy fire. Rushing into position, it drove the enemy out of it after fierce and deadly hand-to-hand combat. The glorious sacrifice of this unit made possible the resumption of the victorious march of the Allied forces.

50th Armd Inf Bn

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 267, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A unit which distinguished itself by its courage in battle in the region of Brest. On 26 and 29 August 1944, it was charged with taking a position which was firmly held, from which the enemy dominated the rest of the front. Rushing courageously to the attack, in spite of the intense fire, it drove the enemy away, after a hard battle. The sacrifice made by this unit gave the artillery an excellent observation point from which it reduced enemy positions and permitted the victorious advance of the Allied forces.

68th Tank Bn, 1st Plat, Co B

212th Armd FA Bn (Atchd to Combat Command B,
6th Armd Div)

231st Armd FA Bn

Hq & Hq Co, 7th Armd Div
Combat Command A, Hq & Hq Co
Combat Command B, Hq & Hq Co
Reserve Command, Hq & Hq Co
17th Tank Bn
23d Armd Inf Bn
31st Tank Bn
33d Armd Engr Bn
38th Armd Inf Bn
40th Tank Bn
48th Armd Inf Bn
87th Cav Ren Sq (Moss)
147th Signal Co

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, awarded under Decision No. 247, 16 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A fine unit which, by a daring maneuver on 11 November 1944, in the region of Han S/Nied, prevented the enemy from blowing up an important bridge. It succeeded in holding out on this bridge despite violent enemy attacks, awaiting the arrival of reinforcements.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, awarded under Decision No. 247, 16 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

While subjected to heavy shelling during a furious enemy attack in the Lan Froicourt sector, it instantly reacted with all its power, forcing the enemy to retreat. A total of 150 Germans were killed and 150 were taken prisoners.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH SILVER-GILT STAR, awarded under Decision No. 247, 16 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A brilliant unit, which took a very active part in the combat of 11 November 1944, before Han sur Nied. It succeeded in establishing a bridgehead on the Nied, thus permitting other troops to carry on the attack, which it supported with its fire until the positions were consolidated.

7TH ARMORED DIVISION

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, in Decree No. 7253, 13 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom, with the following citation:

During the crucial period of the German offensive of the Ardennes, in 1944, the American 7th Armored Division, attacked by enemy forces estimated at eight divisions, among them 3 SS Panzer and 2 Panzer Divisions, held the important center of Saint-Vith, preventing any advance and any exploitation on this main line, thus dooming the German offensive to frustration and, by its sacrifice, permitting the launching of the Allied counteroffensive.

CITED IN THE ORDER OF THE DAY of the Belgian Army, in Decree No. 7253, 13 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom, with the following citation:

Passing over to the attack on 20 January in the Saint-Vith sector where it

7TH ARMORED DIVISION--Continued.

Hq & Hq Btry, 7th Armd Div Arty
 484th Armd FA Bn
 440th Armd FA Bn
 489th Armd FA Bn
 Hq & Hq Co, 7th Armd Div Trains
 77th Armd Med Bn
 129th Ord Maint Bn
 Band, 7th Armd Div
 MP Platoon, 7th Armd Div

(Attached nondivisional units are listed in par. 4a.)

17th Tank Bn

had fought previously, the 7th Armored Division pushed the enemy out of the position that it had been organizing for two weeks and pushed it without respite seven kilometers beyond the Belgian frontier, inflicting heavy losses on this enemy. During these nine days it captured more than one thousand prisoners.

BELGIAN FOURRAGERE (1940), awarded by Decree No. 7253, 13 July 1950, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 274, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A magnificent unit in morale and discipline. From La Ferte Bernard to Verdun, it harassed the enemy day and night from 14 to 31 August 1944, operated at an advanced point of the 7th Armored Division and seized, almost without any destruction, 15 important French cities. This unit fought 28 battles, among which were those of Chartres, Provins, Traconne, Warmeriville, crossing the Seine at Melun against stubborn enemy resistance, then the Marne, and finally the Meuse, covered 600 kilometers in 16 days, freeing, in record time, 15 French Departments from the German yoke.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 274, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A fine unit, bold and indefatigable. On 16 December 1944 alerted from Rimbourg (Germany) to come and close up the breach made by the enemy in the Belgian Ardennes, the 17th Tank Battalion was ordered to hold the wave of the panzer divisions breaking toward France. Increasing its counterattacks, it foiled, by the initiative of its bold movements, the intentions of the enemy. It succeeded in holding the enemy on the march on a sector of more than 40 kilometers of the front from 15 to 23 December 1944 by continual engagements, especially bloody at St.-Vith, Rodt, and Gouvy.

FRENCH FOURRAGERE in the colors of the Croix de Guerre (1939-1945), awarded under Decision No. 276, 23 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic.

23d Armd Inf Bn

AGO 1945

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 274, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A magnificent unit, full of dash. After operating at an advanced point of the 7th Armored Division from 14 to 31 August 1944, from Mons to Metz, seizing almost without any destruction, 15 important French cities, the unit then gave bloody battle for 6 days on the Moselle, succeeding, in spite of considerable losses, in establishing a bridgehead at Arnaville, assembly area for the attack which liberated Metz.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 274, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A splendid unit animated by the highest military qualities. It was alerted from 16 December 1944 at Rheinburg, Germany, to come and close up the breach made by the enemy in the Belgian Ardennes, and held for almost 3 days the wave of the German armored divisions breaking toward France. Increasing its counterattacks, it succeeded by itself in checking the enemy offensive from 16 to 23 December 1944, at the cost of enormous sacrifices.

FRENCH FOURRAGERE in the colors of the Croix de Guerre (1939-1945), awarded under Decision No. 275, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic.

81st Tank Bn

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 274, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A splendid unit animated by an exceptional zest for combat which operated from 15 August to 3 September 1944 from Nogent le Rotrou to Metz with such rapidity that it seized and liberated several French departments with a minimum of destruction. It fought bloody combats at Provins, Foret du Gault, and Exermont, succeeding, in spite of the numerical superiority of the enemy, in decimating it and thus hastened the liberation of the provinces of eastern France.

FRENCH CROIX DE GUERRE WITH PALM, awarded under Decision No. 274, 22 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

A magnificent battalion, possessing the highest military qualities. At the time of the German offensive of the Ardennes in December 1944, it was ordered

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Arrêté du 13 -7- 1950

Besluit van 13 -7- 1950

N° 7253
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C H A R L E S ,

K A R E L ,

Prince de Belgique, Régent du Royaume, Prins van België, Regent van het Koninkrijk,

A tous présents et à venir, SALUT:

Aan allen tegenwoordigen en toekomstenden, HEIL:

Sur la proposition du Ministre de la Défense Nationale,

Op de voordracht van de Minister van Landsverdediging.

NOUS AVONS ARRÊTÉ ET ARRÊTONS :

WIJ HEBBEN BESLOTEN EN WIJ BESLUITEN.

Article premier: Revu Notre Arrêté n° 6185 du 4 juin 1949, les dispositions concernant l'octroi d'une citation à l'Ordre du Jour de l'Armée en faveur de la "7th Armored Division" de l'U.S. Army et les unités y rattachées, sont prorogées.

Artikel één: Herzien Ons Besluit nr 6185 van 4 Juni 1949, de bepalingen houdende toekenning van een vermelding op de Dagorder van het Leger ten voordele van de "7th Armored Division" van het U.S. Army en de eenheden er aan verbonden, worden afgeschaft.

Article 2: Sont citées à l'Ordre du Jour de l'Armée Belge les unités mentionnées ci-dessous:

Artikel 2: De hiernavermelde eenheden worden vermeld op de Dagorder van het Belgisch Leger:

La 7th Armored Division de l'U.S. Army et les unités y rattachées comprenant:

De 7th Armored Division van het U.S. Army en de eenheden er aan verbonden, bestaande uit:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Armored Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command A.
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command B.
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Reserve Command
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Trains
- Division Military Police Platoon
- Division Band
- 17th Tank Battalion
- 31st Tank Battalion

40th Tank Battalion
 23d Armored Infantry Battalion
 33th Armored Infantry Battalion
 48th Armored Infantry Battalion
 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron
 434th Field Artillery Battalion
 440th Field Artillery Battalion
 439th Field Artillery Battalion
 33d Armored Engineer Battalion
 129th Ordnance Battalion
 77th Medical Battalion
 147th Signal Company
 203d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion
 (Self-propelled)
 314th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self-propelled)
 446th Quartermaster Truck Company
 3967th Quartermaster Truck Company
 275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
 965th Field Artillery Battalion
 168th Engineer Combat Battalion
 Headquarters and Service Company, 81st Engineer Combat
 Battalion, 106th Infantry Division
 3d Platoon, "F" Company, 423d Infantry Regiment,
 106th Infantry Division
 Combat Command "B", 9th Armored Division, including:
 14th Tank Battalion
 27th Armored Infantry Battalion
 16th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
 "D" Troop, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Rezd)
 with attached Platoons "E" Troop and "F" Company
 "B" Company, 9th Armored Engineer Battalion
 "A" Company, 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self-
 propelled)
 "B" Battery, 482d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic
 Weapons Battalion (Self-propelled)
 "B" Company, 2d Armored Medical Battalion
 "C" Company, 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Bat-
 talion
 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Division, with attached:
 229th Field Artillery Battalion
 "C" Company, 103d Engineer Combat Battalion
 424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Division, with attached:
 591st Field Artillery Battalion:

pour:

"Pendant la période cruciale
 de l'Offensive Allemande des Ar-
 dennes, en 1944, la 7e Division
 Blindée Américaine, attaquée par

om:

"Gedurende de kritieke periode van
 het Duits offensief van de Ardennen
 in 1944, hield de 7de Amerikaanse
 Pantserdivisie, aangevallen door

des forces ennemies estimées à 3 Div. Inf., dont 3 SS. Panzer et 2 Panzer, tint le noeud important de Saint-Vith, empêchant toute avance et toute exploitation sur cet axe, condamnant ainsi l'offensive Allemande à l'échec et permettant, par son sacrifice, le départ de la contre offensive alliée."

Article 1: Sont citées à l'Ordre du Jour de l'Armée Belge les unités mentionnées ci-dessous:

vijandelijke strijdkrachten geschat op 3 I.D., waarvan 3 SS. Pantser en 2 Pantser, het belangrijk knooppunt van Sankt-Vith, verhinderde elke opmars en elke uitbating op die as, veroordeelde alzo het Duits offensief tot de mislukking en liet, door haar offer, het vertrek toe van het geallieerd tegenoffensief."

Artikel 1: De hiernavermelde eenheden worden vermeld op de Dagorder van het Belgisch Leger:

La 7th Armored Division de l'U.S. Army et les unités y rattachées comprenant:

De 7th Armored Division van het U.S. Army en de eenheden er aan verbonden, bestaande uit:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Armored Division,
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command A.
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command B.
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Reserve Command
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Trains
Division Military Police Platoon
Division Band

17th Tank Battalion
31st Tank Battalion
40th Tank Battalion
23d Armored Infantry Battalion
38th Armored Infantry Battalion
48th Armored Infantry Battalion
37th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron
434th Field Artillery Battalion
440th Field Artillery Battalion
489th Field Artillery Battalion
33d Armored Engineer Battalion
129th Ordnance Battalion
77th Medical Battalion
147th Signal Company
203d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion
446th Quartermaster Truck Company
3967th Quartermaster Truck Company
275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
314th Tank Destroyer Battalion
2d Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
509th Parachute Infantry Battalion
Company C, 299th Engineer Battalion

Company B, 733th Tank Battalion, (Mine Exploders)
 937th Field Artillery Battalion
 508th Regimental Combat Team:

508th Parachute Infantry Regiment
 319th Field Artillery Glider Battalion
 Company D, 307th Engineer Battalion
 Company B, 80th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

424th Regimental Combat Team:

424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division
 591st Field Artillery Battalion
 Company C, 331st Medical Battalion
 Company C, 81st Engineer Battalion

pour:

"Passant à l'attaque le 20 janvier dans le secteur de Saint-Vith où elle avait combattu précédemment, la 7e Division Blindée bouscula l'ennemi de la position qu'il avait mis quinze jours à organiser et le repoussa sans désenparer jusque sept kilomètres au-delà de la frontière belge, lui infligeant des pertes sévères. Elle captura pendant ces neuf jours plus de mille prisonniers."

Article 4: La Fourragère 1940 est accordée aux unités ci-dessous qui ont obtenu les deux citations dont il est question aux articles 2 et 3:

om:

"Toen op 20 Januari de 7de Pantser Divisie overging tot de aanval in de sector Sankt-Vith, waar zij vroeger gestreden had, wierp zij de vijand uit de stelling, waaraan hij vijftien dagen gewerkt had om ze te organiseren en dreef hem in een stuk door terug tot zeven kilometer over de Belgische grens, bracht hem zware verliezen toe. Zij nam gedurende deze negen dagen meer dan duizend gevangenen."

Artikel 4: De Nestel 1940 wordt toegekend aan de eenheden hierboven die de twee vermeldingen bekomen hebben waarvan sprake in de artikels 2 en 3:

La 7e Armored Division de l'U.S. Army comprenant:

De 7th Armored Division van het U.S. Army bestaande uit:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Armored Division
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command A
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command B
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Reserve Command
 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery
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 23d Armored Infantry Battalion

38th Armored Infantry Battalion
 43th Armored Infantry Battalion
 87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron
 434th Field Artillery Battalion
 440th Field Artillery Battalion
 489th Field Artillery Battalion
 33d Armored Engineer Battalion
 129th Ordnance Battalion
 77th Medical Battalion
 147th Signal Company
 203d Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion
 446th Quartermaster Truck Company
 3967th Quartermaster Truck Company
 279th Armored Field Artillery Battalion
 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion
 424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division
 591st Field Artillery Battalion.

Article 5: Le Ministre de la Défense Nationale est chargé de l'exécution du présent Arrêté.

Artikel 5: De Minister van Landverdediging is belast met de uitvoering van dit Besluit.

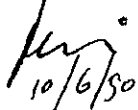
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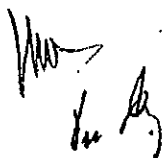
CHARLES

Par le Régent:

Vanwege den Regent:

LE MINISTRE DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE. DE MINISTER VAN LANDSVERDEDIGING.


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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

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Decree of 13 – 7 – 1950

CHARLES,

Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom,

To all present and future, I SALUTE:

By initiative of the Minister of National Defense,

WE DECREE AND HAVE DECREED:

Article 1: To revise our Decree nr. 6185 of 4 June 1949, regarding the accreditation of a citation on the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army of the “7th Armored Division” of the US Army and the attached units, and to annul it.

Article 2: The following units are cited on the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army:

The 7th Armored Division of the US Army and its attached units, consisting of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Armored Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command A

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command B

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Reserve Command

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Trains

Division Military Police Platoon

Division Band

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48th Armored Infantry Battalion

87th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron

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33rd Armored Engineer Battalion

129th Ordnance Battalion

77th Medical Battalion

147th Signal Company

203rd Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-propelled)

814th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self-propelled)

446th Quartermaster Truck Company

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275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

965th Field Artillery Battalion

168th Engineer Combat Battalion

Headquarters and Service Company, 81st Engineer Combat Battalion, 106th Infantry Division

3rd Platoon, « F » Company, 423rd Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division

Combat Command « B », 9th Armored Division, including :

14th Tank Battalion

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« D » Troop, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mczd) with attached Platoons « E » Troop and
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« B » Company, 2nd Armored Medical Battalion

« C » Company, 131st Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion

112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Division, with attached :

229th Field Artillery Battalion

« C » Company, 103rd Engineer Combat Battalion

424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Division, with attached :

591st Field Artillery Battalion

For :

« During the crucial period of the German offensive of the Ardennes, in 1944, the American 7th Armored Division, attacked by enemy forces estimated at eight divisions, among them 3rd SS Panzer and 2nd Panzer Divisions, held the important center of Saint Vith, preventing any advance and any exploitation on this main line, thus dooming the German offensive to frustration and, by its sacrifice, permitting the launching of the Allied counter-offensive. »

Article 3 : The following units are cited on the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army:

The 7th Armored Division of the US Army and its attached units, consisting of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Armored Division

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Company D, 307th Engineer Battalion

Company B, 80th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion

424th Regimental Combat Team :

424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division

591st Field Artillery Battalion

Company C, 331st Medical Battalion

Company C, 81st Engineer battalion

For :

« Passing over to the attack on 20 January in the Saint Vith sector where it had fought previously, the 7th Armored Division pushed the enemy out of the position that it had been organizing for two weeks, and pushed it without respite seven kilometers beyond the Belgian frontier, inflicting heavy losses on this enemy. During these nine days it captured more than one thousand prisoners.”

Article 4: The Fourragère 1940 is awarded to the units mentioned above who have obtained two citations which are referred to in articles 2 and 3:

The 7th Armored Division of the US Army and its attached units, consisting of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Armored Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command A

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Command B

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275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion

814th Tank Destroyer Battalion

424th Infantry Regiment, 106th Infantry Division

591st Field Artillery Battalion.

Article 5 : The Minister of Defense is charged with the execution of this Decree.

Taken at Brussels, the 13th of July 1950

CHARLES

For the Regent:

THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE

/s/ Henri Moreau de Melen