

HEADQUARTERS 106TH INFANTRY DIVISION
A. P. O. #443, c/o Postmaster
Nashville, Tennessee

MANEUVER GENERAL ORDER)

1 March 1944

NUMBER

3)

SECTION I - AWARD OF MANEUVER BRONZE STAR MEDAL
SECTION II - AWARD OF MANEUVER SOLDIER'S MEDAL
SECTION III - CITATION OF UNIT
SECTION IV - CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS
SECTION V - CITATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SECTION I - AWARD OF MANEUVER BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Sergeant Flinchum C. Chatman, 34608047, Company "A," 423d Infantry, Army of the United States, is awarded the Maneuver Bronze Star Medal for distinguishing himself by heroic and meritorious services during Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5. On the night of 23 February, Sergeant Chatman, as leader of a three man patrol, entered an enemy position, discovered the enemy sign and countersign, identified the unit, established the position of one flank of the enemy line, learned the time of the contemplated withdrawal, and gained accurate information as to the strength of the covering force to be left in position and the time set for its withdrawal. The information gathered by Sergeant Chatman was of inestimable value to his Battalion and Regimental Commanders in planning a successful morning attack, and his conduct of the patrol under conditions threatening imminent capture demonstrated a superior quality of leadership and aggressiveness. Residence at induction: Walnut Grove, North Carolina.

SECTION II - AWARD OF MANEUVER SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Technician 4th Grade Edwin M. Sutherland, 13121306, Service Company, 423d Infantry, Army of the United States, is awarded the Maneuver Soldier's Medal for displaying an act of heroism involving voluntary risk of life during Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5. On the night of 23 February, Technician 4th Grade Sutherland, at the risk of his own personal safety, remained at the steering wheel of his truck which he held in such a position that the front wheels acted as a brake, preventing the truck from rolling off a steep embankment, thereby allowing ten enlisted men to detruck in safety. Technician 4th Grade Sutherland refused to release the wheel and remained in the cab until the truck had been successfully winched from its position. His conduct in this emergency revealed a total disregard of personal safety which reflects great credit on the military service. Residence at induction: Grundy, Virginia.

SECTION III - CITATION OF UNIT

Company "C," 424th Infantry, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action during Second Army Maneuver Number 5. This Company became separated from the remainder of the Battalion while being attacked by a superior force. In order to rejoin the Battalion, Company "C" proceeded cross country, approximately twenty-nine miles. During the march behind

enemy lines, the morale of the unit was superior. Twenty nine vehicles, approximately seventy men, and a cannon company CP were captured and one bazooka team destroyed a 57mm anti-tank gun. During the march, enemy traffic and communications were considerably disrupted. The action of this unit was marked by gallantry, fearlessness, and devotion to duty.

In addition, special recognition is made of Captain Ralph K. Lee, 0394457, Company "C," 424th Infantry for his outstanding leadership in maintaining within his command high morale and a willingness to fight. Residence at call to active duty: Clover, South Carolina.

SECTION IV - CITATION FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

The following named enlisted men are cited for exceptional accomplishments while engaged in Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5:

Sergeant Paul E. Morris 33434042 Company "D," 424th Infantry
Residence at induction: Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania

Private First Class Thomas P. Comer 36646487 Company "D," 424th Infantry
Residence at induction: Casey, Illinois

Private First Class Joe H. Wilson 34608065 Company "D," 424th Infantry
Residence at induction: Tryon, North Carolina

Private First Class Marion (NMI) Ray 36478241 Company "D," 424th Infantry
Residence at induction: Alton, Illinois

Private First Class Burnett L. Sutter 36478154 Company "D," 424th Infantry
Residence at induction: Muscatine, Iowa

Private Leonard (NMI) Hart 31327248 Company "D," 424th Infantry
Residence at induction: East Hartford, Connecticut

For meritorious achievements while participating in a machine gun squad. The soldiers in this squad carried their weapons by hand on a twenty-nine mile march and were prepared to put them in action on a moment's notice. March discipline and the morale of the squad were superior throughout the march.

SECTION V - CITATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Private First Class Albert A. Barthelme, 32772263, Company "K," 423d Infantry, is cited for exceptional accomplishments in the performance of his duty while engaged in Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5. On the night of 23 February, Private First Class Barthelme, acting without orders, demonstrated aggressive initiative in keeping his company supplied with food and ammunition after one of the two company vehicles had been wrecked. Without his efforts, the entire company would have been without ammunition and food for more than twenty-four hours. Residence at induction: Ridgefield Park, New Jersey.

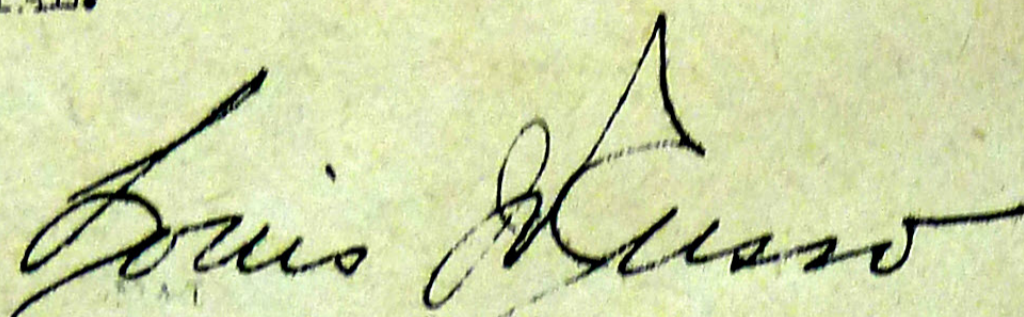
Private First Class Paul Pudelka, 36648976, Company "E," 423d Infantry, is cited for exceptional accomplishments in the performance of his duty while engaged in Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5. Private First Class Pudelka assumed command of a light machine gun section during the absence of his Section Sergeant. His conduct in this emergency demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership and initiative. Residence at induction: Cicero, Illinois.

Private First Class Elbert G. Queen, 34724816, Company "M," 423d Infantry, is cited for exceptional accomplishments in the performance of his duty while engaged in Operation 4, Second Army Maneuver Number 5. Private First Class Queen successfully completed a reconnaissance for a route over difficult mountainous terrain, making it possible for his platoon to move their vehicles safely behind the foot troops ready to support the Battalion in the accomplishment of its mission. Residence at induction: Memphis, Tennessee.

By command of Major General JONES:

WILLIAM C. BAKER, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



LOUIS J. RUSSO,
Major, A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

DISTRIBUTION: "C"