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BATTLE HONORS—Citation of unit..... Section I
UNITS CREDITED WITH ASSAULT LANDINGS—General Orders 70, War Department,
1945, and General Orders 109, War Department, 1946, amended..... II

I. BATTLE HONORS.—As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (sec. I, Bul. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, Bul. 11, WD, 1942), the following unit is cited under the provisions of AR 260-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The *3d Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment*, is cited for exceptionally outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy in crossing the Roer River and seizing a position in the vicinity of Stockheim, Germany, on 23 and 24 February 1945. This battalion, having accomplished the difficult crossing prior to other elements of its corps, and having suffered heavy casualties from enemy fire, in addition to personnel and individual weapons lost when several assault boats overturned in the torrential stream, attacked and seized an enemy-held trench system near the bank of the river. An immediate distribution of captured arms and ammunition was made to all unarmed personnel. The battalion, without hesitation, continued the attack through wooded areas containing enemy-held trenches and emplacements and on to the dominant terrain northwest of Stockheim, where a perimeter defensive position was organized. On 24 February, completely isolated and surrounded, this unit repelled six determined counterattacks by superior forces, which included tanks and self-propelled guns supported by intense artillery and mortar fire. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. On being reached and relieved by other elements of the regiment, the determined battalion seized and secured three other enemy-held towns in rapid succession, further securing the exposed right flank of the division and corps and contributing directly to the rapid advance to the east of other attacking troops. Throughout this heroic action, the men of the *3d Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment*, distinguished themselves by great determination, outstanding aggressiveness, high combat efficiency, and indomitable courage in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

II. UNITS CREDITED WITH ASSAULT LANDINGS.—1. Paragraphs 2 and 11, section II, General Orders 70, War Department, 1945, as amended by paragraph 1, section VIII, General Orders 75, War Department, 1945, and paragraphs 2 and 8, section III, General Orders 116, War Department, 1946, are further amended as follows:

2. North Africa (amphibious)—

Add: 13th Armored Regiment.
17th Armored Engineer Battalion.
142d Signal Company.

Delete: 13th Armored Infantry Regiment.
17th Engineer Shore Party.
142d Armored Signal Company.

11. Normandy (amphibious)—

Add: 555th Signal Air Warning Battalion, two LWS.
834th Engineer Aviation Battalion, Detachment A.

Delete: 278th Port Company.
281st Port Company.
555th Signal Automatic Weapons Battalion.
Detachment A, 834th Engineer Ammunition Battalion.

2. Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8, section II, General Orders 109, War Department, 1946, are amended as follows:

1. New Guinea—

a. *Aitape*

Add: 163d Infantry Regiment.

b. *Biak Island*—

Add: 41st Infantry Division, Headquarters, Division Artillery.

41st Infantry Division, Headquarters, Special Troops.

146th Field Artillery Battalion.

162d Infantry Regiment.

186th Infantry Regiment.

205th Field Artillery Battalion.

218th Field Artillery Battalion.

c. *Hollandia*—

Add: 146th Field Artillery Battalion.

162d Infantry Regiment.

186th Infantry Regiment (less 2d Battalion).

Delete: 186th Infantry Regiment.

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l. *Tanahmerah Bay*—

Add: 3d Engineer Battalion (less Company C).

11th Field Artillery Battalion.

13th Field Artillery Battalion.

19th Infantry Regiment.

21st Infantry Regiment.

24th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.

24th Infantry Division, Band.

24th Infantry Division, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery.

24th Infantry Division, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

24th Infantry Division, Medical Detachment.

24th Infantry Division, Military Police Platoon.

24th Medical Battalion (less Company C).

24th Quartermaster Company.

24th Signal Company (less Detachment).

52d Field Artillery Battalion.

724th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company.

2. Bismarck Archipelago—

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d. *Koruniat and Ndrilo Islands*

Add: 8th Engineer Combat Squadron, Flame-Thrower Detachment, Troop B.

12th Cavalry, 1st Squadron.

12th Cavalry, Weapons Troop.

So much of paragraph 2c, pertaining to *Los Negros Island*, as reads "*c. Los Negros Island*" is amended to read "*e. Los Negros Island*."

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Add: 8th Engineer Combat Squadron, Advance Reconnaissance Party.
27th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, Detachment.

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g. *Pityilu Island*—

Add: 8th Engineer Combat Squadron, Detachment.

h. *Rambuto Island*—

Add: 8th Engineer Combat Squadron, 1st and 3d Platoons, Troop A.
12th Cavalry, 2d Squadron.

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3. *Southern Philippines*—

a. *Leyte Island*—

Add: 8th Engineer Combat Squadron, Headquarters and Service Troop. 16th Cavalry Quartermaster Squadron, Medical Detachment. 27th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company, Detachment. *1941-10*

b. *Ormoc Island, Leyte*, is amended to read "*Ormoc, Leyte Island*."

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f. *Mindoro Island*—

Add: 1st Radio Squadron, Mobile (J), Detachment 2.
3d Engineer Battalion, Company B.
13th Field Artillery Battalion.
19th Infantry Regiment.
24th Medical Battalion, Company B.
24th Signal Company, Detachment.
724th Ordnance Light Maintenance Company, Detachment.

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j. (*Added*) *Samar Island*.—24 October 1944.

8th Cavalry, Antitank and Reconnaissance Platoon.
8th Cavalry, Detachment, 1st Squadron, Headquarters.
8th Cavalry, Medical Detachment.
8th Cavalry, Security Platoon, Service Troop.
8th Cavalry, Troop C.
8th Cavalry, Weapons Troop (less Detachment).

4. *Luzon*—

a. *Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands*—

Add: 4074th Quartermaster Service Company.

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d. *Tagaytag Ridge, Luzon*, is amended to read "*Tagaytay Ridge, Luzon*."

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f. *Corregidor Island*—

Add: 3d Engineer Battalion, 3d Platoon, Company C.
24th Medical Battalion, Detachment, Company C.
34th Infantry Regiment, 3d Platoon, Antitank Company.
34th Infantry Regiment, 3d Platoon, Cannon Company.

34th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Service Company.
 34th Infantry Regiment, Company A.
 34th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion.

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h. Lubang Island—

Add: 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Battalion.
 21st Infantry Regiment, Medical Detachment, 1st Battalion.
 24th Medical Battalion, 1st Squadron, Company A.
 Delete: Company A, 24th Medical Battalion.

i. Palawan Island—

Add: 186th Infantry Regiment, 3d Battalion.

j. Simara Island—

Add: 19th Infantry Regiment, Company B.
 24th Signal Company, Detachment.

k. Romblon Island—

Add: 19th Infantry Regiment, Company C.
 24th Signal Company, Detachment.

l. Zamboanga, Mindanao, is amended to read "Zamboanga, Mindanao Island."

Add: 218 Field Artillery Battalion.

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u. Malabang, Mindanao Island—

So much as reads "17th April 1945, 0900 hours" is amended to read
 "17 April 1945, 0800 to 0900 hours."

Add: 3d Engineer Battalion.
 11th Field Artillery Battalion.
 13th Field Artillery Battalion.
 19th Infantry Regiment.
 21st Infantry Regiment.
 24th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop.
 24th Infantry Division, Headquarters and Headquarters
 Company.
 24th Infantry Division, Medical Detachment.
 24th Infantry Division, Headquarters and Headquarters
 Company, Division Artillery.
 24th Infantry Division, Band.
 24th Infantry Division, Military Police Platoon.
 24th Medical Battalion (less Company C).
 24th Quartermaster Company.
 24th Signal Company (less Detachment).
 52d Field Artillery Battalion.

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aa. (Added) Marinduque Island.—3 January 1945, 0500 hours.

21st Infantry Regiment, Company K.

7. Ryukyus—

a. Yakabi Shima—

So much as reads "26 March 1945, 1500 hours" is amended to read
 "26 March 1945, 1341 hours."

Add: 715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Detachment.

Delete: 716th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

b. *Aka Shima*—

Add: 715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Detachment.

Delete: 715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

c. *Zamami Shima*—

Add: 305th Field Artillery Battalion, Detachment.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion.

715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Detachment.

Delete: 305th Field Artillery Battalion.

Headquarters Company, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Headquarters, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 305th Infantry Regiment.

715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion.

Paragraph 7d, pertaining to *Amuro Shima* and *Kuba Shima*, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

d. (1) *Amuro Shima*.—27 March 1945, 1300 to 1400 hours.

305th Infantry Regiment, Company B.

715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Detachment.

(2) *Kuba Shima*.—27 March 1945, 1103 hours.

223d Engineer Combat Battalion, Company B.

307th Infantry Regiment, Company G.

715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Detachment.

e. *Geruma Shima* and *Hokaji Shima Island* is amended to read "*Geruma Shima* and *Hokaji Shima*."

Add: 292d Joint Assault Signal Company, two detachments.

715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Detachment.

Delete: Detachment, 292d Joint Assault Signal Company.

f. *Tokashiki Shima*—

Add: 715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Detachment.

g. *Keise Shima*—

Add: 715th Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Detachment.

h. *Okinawa*—

So much as reads "1 April 1945, 1200 hours" is amended to read "1 April 1945, 0840 to 1720 hours."

Add: 17th Infantry Regiment, Company L.

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j. *Ie Shima*—

So much as reads "16 April 1945, 1000 hours" is amended to read "16 April 1945, 1000 to 1600 hours."

Add: 233d Engineer Combat Battalion, Company B.

292d Joint Assault Signal Company, three detachments.

302d Engineer Combat Battalion, two detachments.

302d Medical Battalion, three detachments.

305th Field Artillery Battalion, Detachment.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Cannon Company.

305th Infantry Regiment, two detachments, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

305th Infantry Regiment, two detachments, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Companies A and B.

305th Infantry Regiment, two detachments, Companies C and D.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Companies E, F, and G.

305th Infantry Regiment, two detachments, Companies H and I.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Companies K, L, and M.

305th Infantry Regiment, Detachment, Medical Detachment.

306th Field Artillery Battalion, two detachments.

Delete: Detachment, Company B, 233d Engineer Combat Battalion.

Detachment, 292d Joint Assault Signal Company.

Detachment, 302d Engineer Combat Battalion.

Detachment, 302d Medical Battalion.

Cannon Company, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Detachment, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Headquarters, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Headquarters Company, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Detachment, Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, and M, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Medical Detachment, 305th Infantry Regiment.

Detachment, 306th Field Artillery Battalion.

8. Western Pacific—

a. *Makin Island*—

So much as reads "20 November 1943, 1024 hours" is amended to read "20 November 1943, 1024 to 1510 hours."

b. *Eniwetok Atoll*—

Add: 104th Engineer Combat Battalion (less Company B).

c. *Kwajalein Atoll*—

Add: 111th Infantry Regiment, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion.

Delete: Headquarters Company, 111th Infantry Regiment.

d. *Saipan Island*—

So much as reads "24 July 1944, 1100 hours" is amended to read "15 June 1944, 1100 to 1600 hours."

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i. *Ngeregong Island*.—

Add: 481st Amphibian Truck Battalion, Detachment.

726th Amphibian Truck Battalion, Detachment.

Delete: 481st Amphibian Truck Battalion.
726th Amphibian Truck Battalion.

j. Ulihi Atoll—

So much as reads "21 September 1944" is amended to read "21-22 September 1944."

Add: 323d Infantry Regiment, two detachments, Company I.

Delete: Detachment, Company I, 323d Infantry Regiment.

k. Ngulu Atoll—

So much as reads "16 October 1944, 0830 hours" is amended to read "16 October 1944, 0830 to 1800 hours."

Add: 155th Engineer Combat Battalion, three detachments, Company B.

323d Infantry Regiment, five detachments each from Companies E, F, G, and H.

Delete: Detachment, Company B, 155th Engineer Combat Battalion.
Detachments of Companies E, F, G, and H, 323d Infantry Regiment.

l. Angaur Island.—

So much as reads "17 September 1944, 1155 hours" is amended to read "17 September 1944, 1100 to 1155 hours."

Add: 81st Military Police Platoon, two detachments.

592d Joint Assault Signal Company, two detachments.

710th Tank Battalion, Detachment, Service Company.

3116th Signal Service Battalion, Detachment, Photo Assignment Unit.

Delete: Detachment, 81st Military Police Platoon.

Detachment, 592d Joint Assault Signal Company.

Service Company, 710th Tank Battalion.

Photo Assignment Unit, 3116th Signal Service Battalion.

m. (Added) Pulo Anna Island.—4 November 1944.

81st Infantry Division, Detachment.

n. (Added) Fais Island.—24 December 1944.

483d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, Detachment.

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