

HEADQUARTERS  
THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 403

16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, 95th Infantry Division,  
APO 95, U.S. Army.

1. The achievement of your division and attached units, consisting of the 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 778th Tank Battalion, and 547th AAA AW Battalion, in successfully completing the assigned mission in connection with the reduction and capture of the strongly fortified city of Metz by Third U.S. Army was outstanding, both in the combat skill of the individual units committed and the control and sound tactical judgement displayed by commanders of all echelons.

2. The fourteen days of continuous attack against a strong and aggressive enemy, along a 26-mile front, drove irresistibly to the heart of the city of Metz where contact was made with American forces advancing from the south. In the course of this attack you successfully (1) made four assault crossings of the Moselle River at its high flood stage, (2) penetrated the line of defending forts, reducing those necessary to accomplish the mission, and (3) greatly contributed to the destruction of an entire reinforced German division. Against these fortifications which had never before in modern times fallen by assault, in terrain favorable to the enemy, and under almost intolerable weather conditions of rain, flood, and bitter cold, your officers and men met a most searching combat test which required not only individual courage, skill, endurance, and determination, but also sound tactical judgement coupled with an insatiable desire to close with the enemy.

3. This achievement has added lustre to the glorious history of American arms, for which you and all the officers and enlisted personnel of your division and attached units, are highly commended.



*G S Patton Jr*

G. S. PATTON, JR.,  
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Commanding.

You were there. Pfc Johnnie L. Tayloe  
Certified

*Harold H. Meisner*  
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