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HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION

AG 300.4
GENERAL ORDERS)

NO. - 14)

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APO 85, U.S. Army
2 March 1945.

COMMENDATION OF UNIT

Under the provision of Army Regulation 600-55, the following named organization is commended:

COMPANY "L", 337TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, is commended for outstanding performance of duty and heroic action in combat during the period 1 October to 3 October 1944, in Italy. Ordered to seize and hold a terrain feature dominating the main supply route of adjacent units and vital to the advance of units upon its regimental right flank, COMPANY "L" moved under cover of darkness to successfully take the objective, capture six machine guns and thirty-eight prisoners of war. Aware of the fact that the enemy would make a determined effort to re-take the position, COMPANY "L" immediately prepared defensive positions to meet the expected counter-attack. After a daylight reconnaissance revealed four German tanks in the area, two of them to the rear of the company's position, the resolute men of COMPANY "L" skilfully maneuvered to capture the tanks before they could direct their fire upon them and repelled a strong enemy patrol which had moved in in an attempt to locate their positions. Throughout the following two days of unending and ceaseless attacks supported by tanks which moved in under cover of fog to an extremely close range to lay devastating fire upon them, the grimly determined men of COMPANY "L" clung courageously to their battered positions. Exposed to the chilling rain which swept over the mountainous terrain and subjected to repeated assaults of increasing ferocity, the weary men of COMPANY "L" rose time and again from their rain drench-foxholes to concentrate the fire of all available weapons upon each attacking wave and meet the fanatic enemy with bayonets and grenades as they swept ever closer to their positions, sending each thrust staggering blindly back with increasingly heavy casualties and holding their positions until friendly units could arrive to take up positions upon their flank. The fighting aggressiveness, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by the members of COMPANY "L" resulted in the death or capture of at least one hundred German soldiers and reflected honor upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COULTER:
WILLIAM T. FITTS, JR.,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

W. H. GREEN,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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COMPANY COMMANDER
Capt. Huger W. Godbold
Capt. Victor R. Savacool

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
1st Lt. Dennis J. Stack

First Sergeant, William A. Davis
Communication Sergeant, Raymond A. Heckel
Company Clerk, William Seef, Cpl.

FIRST PLATOON

Platoon Leader, 1st Lt. Robert A. Foley
Platoon Sergeant, T/Sgt. Elton N. Teel

SECOND PLATOON

Platoon Leader, 1st Lt. Tom. F. Sneary
Platoon Sergeant, T/Sgt. Drayton E. Norwood

THIRD PLATOON

Platoon Leader, 1st Lt. Albert J. Janssen
Platoon Sergeant, T/Sgt. Melvin Weiner

FOURTH PLATOON

Platoon Leader, 2nd Lt. Boydell Hoffman
Platoon Sergeant, T/Sgt. Harold H. Holladay

OTHER OFFICERS

1st Lt. Ferris E. Cecchinelli
1st Lt. Lester J. Studley
1st Lt. Edward S. Maxwell
2nd Lt. Carl E. Seabranck
2nd Lt. Richard P. Carroll
2nd Lt. Albert C. Blackman

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD BATTALION
337th Infantry

AFPO #85, U. S. Army.
18 December 1944.

Subject: CITATION OF UNIT.

To : Commanding General, Fifth Army,
AFPO #464, U. S. Army. (Thru Channels).

1. Under the provisions of Circular Number 333, War Department, 1943, it is recommended that COMPANY L, 337th Infantry be cited in War Department General Orders for outstanding accomplishment in combat during the period 1 October 1944 to 3 October 1944, near Casoni Di Romagna, Italy.

2. At 0600, 1 October 1944, the 3rd Battalion, 337th Infantry, as the right attacking battalion, moved into the attack from Giugnola, Italy to take Casoni Di Romagna.

The importance of Casoni Di Romagna was threefold: it dominated the Sillari River Valley and the Giugnola - S. Pietro Road, the only passable M.S.R. for adjacent units on the right of the 85th Division for further advancement to the north; second, fire from the vicinity of Casoni Di Romagna had impeded the advance of elements of the 88th Division, the right adjacent unit to the 337th Infantry; third, it had to be taken by the 337th Infantry before further movement to the north could be made. It could not be bypassed due to its dominance.

Initially, COMPANY L, located on Paretaro, was in reserve to be moved on battalion order. Company K, the left assaulting company, after having passed through COMPANY L progressed approximately 600 yards, when met by devastating machine gun and mortar fire, was pinned down. Company I, on the right, also suffered the same treatment, after having advanced some 1000 yards north of Giugnola, was pinned down by the same type of fire. All day both companies attempted to maneuver but with no success as the ground was very open, and the enemy, occupying a ridge line running diagonally across the front, kept constant mortar and machine gun fire on both units.

Late in the afternoon, the Battalion Commander, having seen the two companies become pinned down, unable to maneuver, and having made a careful map study, gave COMPANY L the mission of moving at nightfall around the left flank of company K, bypass the enemy strongpoint, move up the north-south ridge on the battalion's left flank, and take Casoni Di Romagna. The reserve platoon of Company K along with the weapons platoon was to follow COMPANY L, and the remainder of Company K was to follow as soon as they could withdraw and reorganize.

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At nightfall, having made a route reconnaissance despite great risk, the Company Commander moved COMPANY L in a column of platoons towards the objective, picking up the platoons from Company K, previously enumerated, at a pre-designated point. Moving along the military crest of the ridge that ran into the north-south ridge leading to Casoni Di Romagna, COMPANY L picked its way without incident. After having crossed over and reached a point just short of the crest of the north-south ridge, the leading platoon, the second, plus a section of light machine guns, encountered fire from two (2) enemy machine guns and were pinned down with three men becoming wounded. Immediately the first platoon, followed by the third platoon and 60mm mortar section, moved into the attack. Overpowering one machine gun, the first platoon then opened fire on another and silenced it. Taking advantage of the situation, the second platoon quickly reorganized and having evacuated their three wounded, rejoined the company. The first platoon, having sent three captured enemy to Battalion Headquarters and ascertaining that two other enemy were dead, continued on leading the attack. Following along the east slope of the ridge, COMPANY L took four (4) more machine guns and thirty-five (35) prisoners on its way to the objective, reaching the objective at 0600, 2 October 1944. So unexpected was this maneuver, that the enemy had no troops on the objective itself, only prepared positions to fall back to if they lost the east-west ridge holding up the remainder of the battalion, and the positions along the route taken by COMPANY L. (See sketch I showing disposition of companies, enemy strongpoints, route followed by COMPANY L, and machine guns knocked out along route).

Realizing that the enemy undoubtedly had his reserves on the north slopes of Casoni Di Romagna as well as those to the rear and would exert every possible effort to dislodge them, every officer and man exerted his utmost to prepare the position for the violent counterattacks to come. COMPANY L and the platoon of Company K were disposed so as to have all around defense, utilizing the light and heavy machine guns and the mortars to cover the likely routes of approach. (See sketch II showing positions of units on Casoni Di Romagna and weapons. See sketch III showing enemy routes of approach and tanks knocked out).

At 0645, 2 October 1944, Sergeant Robert F. Hixon, a squad leader of the light machine gun section and on the alert for attack from the rear, detected movement to the rear. Without hesitation, he moved out armed only with a carbine. Through the swirling fog, he detected two (2) tanks preparing to fire on COMPANY L's left flank. Moving through the fog, he surprised the crews, some five (5) men. Having stopped this threat, he succeeded in getting back to the company and alert everyone for tank attack.

Realizing the seriousness of this new threat, the Company Commander desired to know more about the terrain to the front and a suspected enemy position in a group of houses, some 500 yards northwest of the right flank of the company. Consequently, he dispatched the third platoon to investigate the

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the terrain to the group of houses and to clear the houses. Moving out aggressively, the platoon picked its way down the foggy hillside. Suddenly looming out of the fog, were two enemy tanks preparing to fire. Remaining cool, the platoon deployed and closed in so rapidly that the enemy were taken before they could button up or fire. Sending the three (3) prisoners taken back to the company and having ripped out the control wires in the tanks, the platoon reorganized and continued on its mission.

Upon approaching the houses, the leading scouts were pinned down by fire from a machine pistol in one of the houses. Quickly making an estimate of the situation, the platoon leader built up a base of fire and maneuvered around to the left flank. In the ensuing firefight three of the four enemy were killed, and the fourth wounded; the platoon suffered three wounded. Quickly reorganizing the platoon was preparing to clear another house, further north, when a messenger arrived with a message that the company was being counterattacked and that the platoon was to return.

The counterattack mentioned struck the left flank of COMPANY L at 0850 composed of twelve (12) men and a tank firing a 75mm gun direct fire. Despite the demoralizing effect of direct tank fire at a range of 150 yards, the second platoon returned fire with bazooka, BAR and M-1 with unerring accuracy, killing two (2) and wounding six (6) enemy, in a five minute firefight, driving the enemy off along with the tank that had been hit twice with rifle anti-tank grenades.

Quick to realize that the counterattack was only a feeler, the Company Commander checked his platoons to insure that everything was ready for a violent blow. As foreseen at 0910, a counterattack of some forty (40) men supported by two (2) tanks on either flank, and several machine guns, struck the second and third platoons. Despite the withering small arms fire and devastating effect of the tank fire directed at the men's foxholes, the members of these platoons rose from their rain drenched foxholes firing every weapon. For thirty (30) grueling minutes, this tank-supported German Infantry, and American doughboys fought with grim fury. Pulling in supporting artillery to within fifty (50) yards of the company, and repelling the enemy at point blank range with grenades, COMPANY L forced the almost decimated enemy to flee in wild disorder leaving some ten (10) killed and approximately fifteen (15) wounded.

Having been repulsed with great loss, the enemy using the cover of fog and rain, moved snipers and machine guns into position at close range, alternating positions frequently, and keeping a constant hail of fire on the company. To further the harassing, two (2) tanks employing hit and run tactics, would rush up to within 150 yards of the company and fire three or four rounds and disappear.

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As though fighting against nature itself, the men of COMPANY L, in addition to the incessant crackle of small arms and concussion of artillery, were equally harassed by bone chilling rain and biting wind throughout, making rest and sleep impossible. Yet, withstanding this trial of flying steel and biting cold, there remained human quality of feeling for the helpless and hurt. Wounded were given all the medical attention possible as soon as they were hit, regardless of the great risk involved. Late in the afternoon, litter teams, braving ambush and the artillery, evacuated the wounded over two miles of knee deep mud to the jeep head. Overcoming their fatigue somehow, these litter bearers would make one trip after another defying the fear of death and forces of nature. In numerous incidents, however, men remained in position despite wounds rendered worse by the cold and rain.

Equaling the courage of the litter teams were the supply men upon whose shoulders rested heavily the outcome of this battle; for early in the morning, the Company Commander, realizing the importance the enemy placed on Casoni Di Romagna, foresaw that ammunition and rations were to play a deciding factor in the outcome of this battle. COMPANY L had moved onto Casoni Di Romagna with the ammunition normally carried by the individual, one day's rations, and an emergency ration. Consequently, though the men were told time and time again to make every shot count and conserve water and rations, it was of the utmost importance that ammunition and rations reach the company. At nightfall, guides were sent from the company to meet the ration train that was following the same route taken by COMPANY L. Moving with great stealth and courage, the ration train, braving ambush and artillery, struggled over the treacherous route and succeeded in getting the sorely needed supplies to COMPANY L by 2130, 2 October 1944.

Having been resupplied, COMPANY L waited with grim vigilance for the next bid that the foe would make. At 2400, 2 October 1944, through the inky black night, with the supporting fire of machine guns, mortars, and two tanks firing at point blank range, an enemy force of some ninety (90) men struck the company with fanatical fervor. Concentrating the greatest effort on the second and third platoons, some twenty (20) of the enemy pierced the line between these two platoons. With enemy in front and rear, the men of these two platoons fought with bayonet and grenade to repel them. Quickly responding to this thrust, the Company Commander ordered a squad of the reserve platoon, the first, to repel this threat with cold steel and grenades. Moving in aggressively, the members of this squad drove in with a cold fury matching the fanatical enemy pushing him back yard by yard until the gap was closed. Again and again whole squads of the enemy hurled themselves against this bulwark of rifles, machine guns, and grenades only to be thrown back with the same force. After two hours of this close combat, amid mud, shells, and screams of the dying, the enemy fell back into the black murky night having some twenty (20) dead in and in front of the position.

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At 0300, 3 October 1944, two platoons of Company G, 337th Infantry made contact on COMPANY L's left flank. A short while later, the remainder of Company K arrived and went into position in the COMPANY L's right flank.

COMPANY L remained on this position until the afternoon of the 3rd October 1944, when the company was placed in regimental reserve on the reverse slope of Casoli Di Romagna. COMPANY L moved to this position with the knowledge that it was by their determined efforts that the adjacent units on the regiment's right, as well as the regiment, could now move forward to drive the foe back closer to the Po Valley.

The valiant stand of this company, however, had not been made without loss for the company began its attack with 5 officers and 157 men, and lost 1 officers and 32 men. The losses of Company K's platoon were 1 officers and 4 men; and those of Company M were 4 men. The enemy paid dearly, however, for the losses they had inflicted on COMPANY L. Although there was no way of accurately determining enemy casualties as a large number of their wounded were evacuated under cover of heavy fog, it can be safely stated the enemy suffered at least 100 killed, wounded, or captured plus the loss of 4 tanks and six machine guns, and some seventy odd rifles.

3. Sketches showing dispositions of troops cited, supporting troops, enemy strongpoints, and general terrain features: Attached.

4. a. Nature of terrain: A dominating mountain with covered forward slopes, studded with houses, curving off to the east into a nose and to the west into a north-south ridge.

b. Enemy morale: Almost fanatical due to the importance placed on this key terrain as shown by the use of infantry supported by tanks and heavy incessant shelling.

c. Morale of our troops: Excellent.

d. Weather: Harsh, wet, foggy weather commencing on the night of 1 October 1944 and continuing throughout until the afternoon of 3 October 1944.

e. Dates of principal actions:

- (1) Taking of objective, Casoli di Romagna 0600, 2 October 1944.
- (2) Destruction of two tanks - 0700, 2 October 1944.
- (3) Destruction of two tanks and firefight in building forward of company's position by 3rd platoon - 0730, 2 October 1944.

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8. (4) Time and dates of counterattacks:

- a. 0850 - 2 October 1944
- b. 0910 - 2 October 1944
- c. 2400 - 2 October 1944

5. a. Number of men assigned to unit cited who took part in action: 162

b. Number of casualties suffered by unit cited: 33

c. Approximate strength of supporting troops and character of support rendered by other units:

- 1 platoon of riflemen from Company K totaling 30 men held positions on right flank of position.
- 1 Hq. group Company K totaling 11 men.
- 1 section of BMG, Company K totaling 12 men, took up positions on the left flank of platoon from Company K.
- 1 squad of 60mm mortars, Company K totaling 6 men used to repel counterattacks.
- 1 platoon BMG's, Company M totaling 27 men, used on both flanks for final protective firing.
- 1 Battalion, 328th F.A., in direct support of the regiment.

6. a. Approximate strength of enemy: Two companies of infantry. Positions were hard to disclose due to extreme fog. One company of tanks as reported by prisoners taken.

b. Apparent enemy intentions as to objectives: to retake Casoni di Romagna.

c. Character of enemy fire and observation: Moderate artillery fire; exceedingly heavy mortar fire, and direct fire of tanks firing at a range of 200 yards. Sniper fire and intense MG fire from front and both flanks. Observation of enemy limited, however, utilizing it to move his weapons at close range without detection.

7. I have personal knowledge of the accomplishment of COMPANY L, 937th Infantry. Attached are statements of men who have personal knowledge of specific incidents cited.

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8. Proposed Citation:

COMPANY L, 337th Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action from 1 October 1944 to 3 October 1944 at Casani Di Romagna, Italy.

Capture of Casani Di Romagna, a terrain feature dominating the Sillari River Valley and the Giugnola-S. Pietro Road, was of the utmost importance to further the advance of the 88th Division and the 337th Infantry. When other companies of the Third Battalion had failed, COMPANY L was given the order to take and hold Casani Di Romagna. Moving at nightfall, in a column of platoons, COMPANY L, reinforced, over exceedingly difficult terrain, attacked Casani Di Romagna inflicting a loss of some six machine guns and thirty-eight prisoners on the enemy, enroute to the objective. Reaching the objective at 0600 2 October 1944, COMPANY L, reinforced, immediately set up an all around defense in preparation for violent counterattacks.

Shortly after dawn, a reconnaissance of the likely routes of enemy approach revealed four enemy tanks, two of which were located in rear of COMPANY L, reinforced, and two to the right front. Sergeant Nixen, a member of COMPANY L, moving under the cover of fog, surprised the crews of the two tanks in rear of the company resulting in the capture of five enemy. A few minutes later the third platoon, with the mission of reconnoitering a likely route of enemy approach on COMPANY L's, reinforced, right flank, encountered two tanks preparing to fire. By the platoon's quick aggressive action both tanks and three enemy were taken before the enemy had opportunity to fire. Continuing on their mission, the platoon, on approaching an enemy held house, became engaged in a firefight, which resulted in the killing of three enemy and the wounding of another; the platoon suffering three men wounded. At the same time, the enemy launched their first counterattack of some twelve men supported by a tank and several machine guns, striking at the left flank of COMPANY L, reinforced. Withstanding the demoralizing effect of the direct tank fire and machine gun fire, the men returned fire, killing two and wounding six enemy, causing the remainder to withdraw.

Realizing this counterattack was only a feeler on the part of the enemy to determine the strength and positions of COMPANY L, reinforced, the Company Commander ordered the third platoon to return. As foreseen, at 0910, a counterattack of some forty men supported by two tanks on either flank, and several machine guns, struck the company's left flank. Despite the withering small arms fire and devastating effect of the tank fire directed at the men's foxholes, the members of COMPANY L, reinforced, rose from their rain drenched foxholes firing every weapon. For thirty grueling minutes, this tank-supported German Infantry and American doughboys fought with grim fury. Pulling in supporting artillery to within fifty yards of the company and repelling the enemy at point blank range with grenades, COMPANY L, reinforced, forced the almost

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George J. Smith
GEORGE J. SMITH
Major, 337th Infantry
3rd Battalion Commander

7 Incls:
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1 Incl sketch
Affidavit - Lt Stack.

Incl:

1. Affidavit - T/Sgt. Herbold
2. " S/Sgt. Gable
3. Sketch #1
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To: Commanding General, 85th Inf Div, A. P. O. #85, U. S. Army.

Returned for additional supporting data in the form of affidavits or certificates from persons having personal knowledge of the action described, but who are not assigned or attached to the unit recommended.

By command of Lieutenant General TRUSCOTT:

M. F. GRANT,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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1st Ind. Fr: 337th Inf. To: CG, 85th Div. Dated 25 Dec '44.

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2d Ind. Fr: CG, 85th Div. To: CG, Fifth Army. File: AG 200.6. Dated

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Affidavit - Lt Stack.

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The Adjutant General,
337th Infantry, APO #85, U. S. Army, 4 February 1945.
The Commanding General, 85th Infantry Division, APO #85, U. S. Army.
The Adjutant General, 337th Infantry, APO #85, U. S. Army.
For the Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO 85, U.S. Army, 24 Jan 45.

TO: Commanding Officer, 337th Infantry, APO #85, U. S. Army.

For compliance with 3rd Indorsement.

By command of Major General COULTER:

V. A. McALLEY,
Major, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adj. General.

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TO: Commanding General, 85th Infantry Division, APO 85, U. S. Army.

4th Indorsement complied with. It is felt, however, that merit For the Regimental Commander the award of a Distinguished Service Cross is therefore returned disapproved.

It is suggested that the operations of Company E in this instance be recognized by appropriate commendation. A. D. NELSON, Captain, 85th Infantry, Adjutant.
9 Incls: For which awards have not already been made.
2 added
Incl 8 - Affidavit Capt Moss.
Incl 9 - Affidavit S/Sgt May

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L. E. THOMPSON, JR.,
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army,
Commanding. AG-8

HEADQUARTERS 85TH INFANTRY DIVISION, APO #85, U. S. Army, 8 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #464, U. S. Army.

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, A. P. O. #464, U. S. Army, FEB 22 1945 LKT/ws

To: Commanding General, 85th Inf Div, A. P. O. #85, U. S. Army.

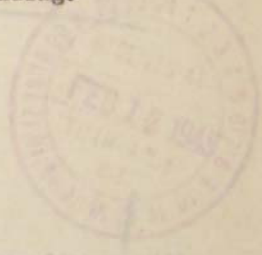
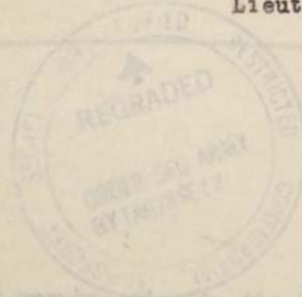
1. The operations of Company L, 337th Infantry in the actions described were those of a trained, disciplined and determined organization and were executed in a praiseworthy manner. It is felt, however, that meritorious as they were, they were not such as to merit the award of a Unit Citation. The recommendation is therefore returned disapproved.

2. It is suggested that the operations of Company L in this instance be recognized by appropriate commendation by the Division Commander and that any individual acts of heroism such as that of Sergeant Hixon, for which awards have not already been made, be rewarded without further delay.

L. K. TRUSCOTT, JR.,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Recommendation for unit citation, Company L, 337th Inf Regt.

IND. NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1	G-1	D C/S	11 Feb	Two additional affidavits (Incl. #8 and #9) included in compliance with attached note. NEF/hac E. M. DANIELS, Colonel, G.S.C., A.C. of S., G-1.
2	D C/S	G-1 Board	12 Feb	For reconsideration by board to include examination and recommendation on new affidavits RECEIVED AT FEB 12 1945 FIFTH ARMY G-1
3	G-1	AG Awards	12 Feb	For resubmission to the Board in compliance with preceding indorsement. /hac NORMAN E. FISHER, Major CAC, Assistant G-1.
4	AG	THRU: G-1 TO: D C/S	14 Feb '45	Awards Board recommends approval upon reconsideration. RECEIVED AT FEB 15 1945 FIFTH ARMY G-1 M. F. GRANT, Colonel, A. G. D. Adjutant General.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF A BOARD OF OFFICERS

Proceedings of a Board of Officers which convened at Headquarters Fifth Army, on JAN 10 1945, pursuant to paragraph 4, Special Orders 353, Headquarters Fifth Army, 1944. The board considered the recommendation of:

NAME _____ RANK _____ ASN _____
ORGANIZATION COMPANY L, 337TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
PROPOSED AWARD _____ UNIT CITATION _____

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RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board having considered carefully the recommendation certificates and affidavits attached to the recommendation, recommends:

APPROVAL

Note: 10 Feb
TWO ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVITS ATTACHED

2. 14 Feb. 1945 - Approval (Upon examination of new affidavit)

Aaron Brinslow, Jr.

AARON BRINSLOW, JR.,
Brigadier General, USA,
President.

Henry S. Rowland, Jr.

HENRY S. ROWLAND, JR.,
Colonel, OE,
Member.

John W. Casey

JOHN W. CASEY,
Lt Col, FA,
Member.

Luther E. Fish

LUTHER E. FISH,
Major, Infantry,
Member.

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John D. Rainey

JOHN D. RAINEY,
1st Lt, Infantry,
Member & Recorder.

G-1 (1) Concur (2) Disapproval

D C/S Disapproval

CG Disapproval

(*) A weak case in my opinion. Took position, organized against counterattacks which came but in each instance a diff enemy inferior in strength expelled to our line from diff positions. Adds up to - repulsed a counterattack which exposed and for which unit was prepared.

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Office of the A. C. of S., G-1

Subject: Recommendation for unit citation - Co L, 337th Inf Regt.

Note No.	From	To	Date	
1	G-1	Awards Board	19 Jan	<p>1. Returned for compliance with Deputy Chief of Staff's instructions re securing additional affidavits to support facts contained in original recommendation.</p> <p>2. When affidavits have been secured, case is to be resubmitted to Army Commander for final decision.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Daniels</i> E. M. DANIELS, Colonel, G.S.C., A.C. of S., G-1.</p> <p>TLC/EMD/hac</p>

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Office of the Adjutant General

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Memorandum:

Through : A. C. of S., G-1.

To : Deputy Chief of Staff.

1. The recommendation for unit citation of Company L, 337th Infantry Regiment has been reviewed by the Awards Board, which recommends approval.

2. The following casualties were sustained by this company during the action described in this recommendation:

Killed in action :	11
Missing in action:	2
Wounded in action:	<u>20</u>
Total:	33

3. A citation has been prepared for the final approval of the Army Commander.

4. If approved, this citation will be published in general orders of this headquarters and brought to the attention of all concerned.

M. F. Grant
M. F. GRANT,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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