

VII CITATION OF UNITS.

Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular Number 333, War Department, 1943, the following-named organizations are cited for outstanding performance of duty in action, and are awarded citation streamers therefor. Individuals assigned or attached to these units are entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge to identify such citation:

COMPANY C, 337TH INFANTRY REGIMENT is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action, from 12 to 16 May 1944, near Tremensuoli, Italy. COMPANY C participated in a battalion attack on a strategically important hill which was a corps objective. Prior to this attack another battalion attempted to take the objective, but suffered heavy casualties and was unable to hold the hill. Advancing through intense and concentrated artillery and mortar fire which halted two companies of the battalion, COMPANY C relentlessly pressed forward, and two platoons succeeded in reaching the crest of a hill in the route of advance toward the objective. Enemy artillery and mortar fire became more deadly, and in addition, small arms fire was brought to bear on these two platoons. With the left flank of the company unsupported, it was necessary to spread out the few available men in order to continue the forward push. Reaching the crest after suffering heavy casualties, COMPANY C was subjected to fierce enemy counterattacks. Surrounded on three sides, the company received heavy and continuous machine gun and small arms fire from strong enemy forces. With only eighteen men and remnants of two other companies and with no heavy weapons support, the courageous infantrymen of COMPANY C held their positions against determined enemy attempts to recapture the hill. On the night of 13 May, relief arrived in the form of replacements, and a final enemy assault was repulsed successfully. Pressure was relieved by units attacking on both flanks of the hill position, and COMPANY C was able to give supporting fire to both attacking elements. The indomitable fighting spirit and fortitude of the infantrymen of COMPANY C reflect the finest traditions of the Army of the United States.

*Originals kept by
my parents.*

Sergeant Roy E. Jones, whose wife lives in Kirksville, has been cited by his regiment of the 85th "Custer" Division, and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat with the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy. Standards for the badge are high. The decoration, which was recently authorized by the War Department, is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat. The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Sgt. Jones attended Greencastle High School and gave up farming to enter the service in May, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones, who live on Route 1, Kirksville.