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HEADQUARTERS 102nd INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERALS ORDERS
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I. UNIT CITATION.

II. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 81.

I. UNIT CITATION

1. Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular 333, War Department, 22 December 1943, as amended, Company C, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy from 16 November to 20 November 1944.

2. On 16 November 1944, Company C, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, was given the mission to secure the town of Immendorf, Germany, against armored counter attacks. After the destroyers had moved up and barely occupied their positions, two approaching enemy tanks were sighted and quickly destroyed. When the attack proceeded the following day, the company moved into Apweiler, Germany, so that the exposed flank of the assault units could be covered. During the night, reconnaissance revealed that the enemy was massing tanks to the north. To meet the threat, a reinforcing platoon was brought up and suitable positions were occupied. At break of dawn, the enemy tanks attacked. Fire was withheld until the attackers were within five hundred yards of the positions; then, in the course of five minutes of accurate and well timed fire, seven enemy tanks were destroyed and the balance forced to withdraw. Two other armored attacks were repulsed on the same day, causing the destruction of five additional tanks. During the night, the company reorganized to to prepare for the attacks of Gereonsweiler which started at eleven hundred hours the next day. Only a few minutes later, it was reported that the assault elements were receiving withering fire from several enemy tanks which were skillfully emplaced in a draw so that any tank destroyer attempting to engage them would come under their fire at a range of twenty five hundred yards. Fully realizing that the enemy tanks with their 88 millimeter guns had a tremendous advantage both in fire power and armor, the first platoon moved out. Three destroyers were lost, but their daring action successfully forced the enemy to withdraw and eliminated a serious threat to the assault units. At the same time, the other two platoons moved out, despite the same disadvantage, to engage four other Tiger tanks. By brilliant maneuvering and firing the destroyers succeeded in closing the range, destroying two and forcing the others to retreat. The audacity and brilliant tactical skill displayed by the members of Company C, 771st Tank Destroyer Battalion, are worthy of emulation and reflect the highest traditions of the army.

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So much of Section I, General Orders Number 81, Headquarters 102nd Infantry Division, dated 4 June 1945, ANNOUNCEMENT OF RELIEF AS AIDE-DE-CAMP, as relieves FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANK E. WEAVER, O442109, Infantry, from duty as Aide-de-Camp to BRIGADIER GENERAL ALONZO P. FOX, O8434, United States Army, is revoked.

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