

ARMY GROUND FORCES BOARD NO. 3
Fort Benning, Georgia

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Letter of Merit

to

Master Sergeant CLARE SHERMAN, RA 6 350 421, Infantry

Upon your retirement I wish to extend to you the grateful appreciation of our Commander-in-Chief, our Secretary of War and the Army of The United States for your long and faithful service.

It is especially gratifying to me to be accorded this privilege, because I knew you many years ago as a young and promising, but inexperienced soldier of fine character during the first days of your service. The intervening years have more than justified the faith your comrades then had in you and have wrought many changes in practically all of your soldierly qualities except that of "Character" which was of the highest from the outset.

To-day, you are not an inexperienced young soldier; you are an outstanding, seasoned Infantry veteran, skilled in the profession of Arms. You are one of our outstanding Pioneers in the Tank Destroyer Branch of World War II. You hold the highest enlisted grade of the Army and you have filled that grade with a dignity and distinction that can derive only from a full appreciation of its responsibilities. You have demonstrated in actual combat in defense of our Country and its ideals, a moral and physical courage so outstanding that it has been made of official record in the War Department. You are carried on the rolls of those few who hold this Nation's second and third highest awards for gallantry in action. Your gallantry at Kaserine-Pass, North Africa, on 20 February 1943 for which you were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and at El Guettar, North Africa, in April 1943 for which you were awarded the Silver Star Medal will forever mark you as one of those courageous soldiers who, voluntarily, beyond the call of duty, by gallant example risked his life in order that our comrades might live and succeed and our country survive.

As you leave our ranks and enter into the retirement which you have so justly earned, you carry with you the sincere wishes of your fellow soldiers, commissioned and enlisted alike, for a long and successful career in any new field of endeavor which you may enter.

REUBEN E. JENKINS
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding