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A.P. O. #464, U. S. Army

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Subject: Citation of Unit.

To: Commanding Officer, Company B, 894th Tank Destroyer Battalion,
A. P. O. #464, United States Army

Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular Number 333, War Department, 1943, your organization is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action, and is awarded a citation streamer therefor. Individuals assigned or attached to your organization are entitled to wear the Distinguished Unit Badge to identify such citation.

CITATION:

“COMPANY B, 894TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action, during the period 1 February to 16 February 1944, near Carroceto, Italy. During this period COMPANY B distinguished itself by its skillful and fearless performance of unusual and difficult missions. The company was disposed on a wide front, operating with three separate British units which were heavily involved in combat with the attacking enemy. In affording close support, COMPANY B occupied positions in the very front of the lines, although normal procedure would have placed them further to the rear in readiness to stem any armored thrust that developed. The vehicles of COMPANY B operated as tanks, as mobile pillboxes, as assault artillery, as infantry, as artillery, as anti-tank guns and as reconnaissance. This unorthodox employment enabled the company to participate in a series of engagements at close quarters with the enemy, in actions for which its equipment was unsuited; yet the officers and men of COMPANY B so skillfully used their equipment that all attacks were successfully repelled. The individual bravery, keen judgment and skill of the members of COMPANY B prevented heavy losses to friendly troops, who were forced to withdraw, and resulted in driving back the enemy with extremely heavy losses. Their actions provided sufficient time for the reorganization of infantry positions and the beachhead defenses. At no time did COMPANY B displace to the rear until all of the infantry had withdrawn completely. The cool courage, combat skill, and esprit de corps displayed by members of COMPANY B were an inspiration to all troops in the vicinity, and reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.”

MARK W. CLARK,
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Commanding