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HEADQUARTERS 1ST U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION
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CITATION OF UNIT

Under the provisions of Section IV, War Department Circular 333, 22 December 1943, the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action. The citation is as follows:

"In the invasion of France the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion was assigned the mission of securing a sector of the beachhead. As the leading assault unit in this sector, the battalion landed on the beach at 'H' hour on 'D' day. This landing was accomplished in the face of tremendous enemy rifle, machine-gun, artillery and rocket fire. In addition, the battalion encountered mines and underwater and beach obstacles. Refusing to be deterred from its mission of securing a beachhead, the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion faced concentrated enemy fire and hazardous beach obstacles with determination and gallantry. Although subjected to heavy enemy fire during the entire day and despite numerous casualties and fatigue, the courage and esprit de corps of this battalion carried the enemy positions by nightfall, thereby securing the necessary beachhead without which the invasion of the continent could not proceed. The heroic and gallant action of the 5th Ranger Infantry Battalion in accomplishing this mission under unusual and hazardous conditions is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service."

By command of Major General HUEBNER:

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