

HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander
APO 452, U. S. Army

SUBJECT: Citation of 194th Glider Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division.

TO : Commanding General, First Allied Airborne Army,
APO 740, U. S. Army.

THRU : Commanding General, XVIII Corps (Airborne),
APO 109, U. S. Army.

1. Under the provisions of Section IV, War Department Circular 333, 22 December 1943 and Section II, Circular 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, it is requested that a citation of the 194th Glider Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division, in the name of the President of the United States, as a public evidence of deserved honor and distinction, be approved and forwarded to the War Department for confirmation by publication in War Department General Orders.

2. The citation reads as follows:

The 194th Glider Infantry Regiment, for extraordinary heroism, efficiency and achievement in action against the enemy near WESEL, GERMANY on 24 March 1945. After encountering strong flack resistance during the airborne landing, this glider infantry regiment went into action against previously prepared and strongly fortified positions to sieze, organize and hold their initial objectives within 2 hours after getting to the ground. In addition to siezing the crossings over the ISSEL CANAL and ISSEL RIVER, after landing in an area swept by heavy enemy fire and which afforded little cover and concealment, the 194th Glider Infantry Regiment took 1153 prisoners, captured or destroyed 49 field pieces of various caliber, and knocked out 10 tanks of the Mark IV and Mark V class. Planning to the last detail and execution with aggressive leadership and fighting qualities of this glider infantry regiment's officers and men played a vital part in gaining the initial and subsequent success of the airborne and land invasion of GERMANY.



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