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BASIC: Ltr, Hq 36th Armd Inf Regt, SUB: "Commendation of 1st Bn, 517 Parachute Regiment", 28 December 44.

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(28 December 44)

HEADQUARTERS VII CORPS, APO 307, U. S. Army,

TO: Commanding Officer, 517th Parachute Regiment.

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

It is with pleasure that I transmit this tribute to the superb fighting qualities of 1st Battalion, 517th Parachute Regiment and their commanders, Lieutenant Colonel W. J. Boyle and Major D. W. Fraser.

/s/ J. Lawton Collins  
/t/ J. LAWTON COLLINS,  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS, XVIII CORPS (AIRBORNE), APO 109, U. S. Army, 16 January 1945.

To: Commanding Officer, 517th Regimental Combat Team, U. S. Army.

The Corps Commander takes pleasure in forwarding this commendation.

/s/ M. B. Ridgway  
/t/ M. B. RIDGWAY,  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRTY SIXTH ARMORED INFANTRY REGIMENT

APO 253

*This cannot be published in any news paper, magazine or being on any wall.* 28 Dec 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation of 1st Bn, 517 Parachute Regiment.

TO : Commanding General, Third Armored Division, APO 253.

1. The 1st Bn, 517 Parachute Regt, was placed under my command on 22 Dec 44 and served under me in combat until relieved on 26 Dec 44.

2. Upon arrival at approximately 1500, 22 Dec 44, the battalion had been traveling by motor since the previous day. It was committed to an attack almost immediately, and fought continuously until 1100, 24 Dec 44. One company was then disposed to protect the road captured in this action and the remainder of the battalion swept the adjoining terrain. Some rest was obtained the night of 24 Dec 44, but at 1430, 25 Dec 44, the battalion was recommitted to capture the objective originally assigned to the 3d Bn, 290th Inf. This was accomplished by 2400, 25 Dec 44, but the remainder of the night was spent in reorganizing and aiding the 3d Bn, 290th Inf for the defense of the objective. The 1st Bn, 517th Parachute Regt, was finally able to pull back at 1500, 26 Dec 44.

3. Throughout this operation which involved intense fighting against elements of the 116 Pz Div and the 560 VG Div, the battalion exhibited an extremely high sense of, and devotion to, duty. They are clearly among the highest type troops of this or any other army.

4. It is especially desired to commend Lt Col W. J. Boyle, the commander, and Maj D. W. Fraser, the battalion executive.

/s/ R. L. Howze,

/t/ R. L. HOWZE,

Colonel, 36th Armd. Inf. Regt.,

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(28 Dec 44)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMORED DIVISION, APO #253, U. S. Army, 30 Dec 44.

TO: C O, 517th Parachute Regiment

THRU: CG, XVIII Corps

(Thru: CG, VII Corps, APO #307, U. S. Army)

The operations of the 517th Parachute Inf Regt were highly commendable, and gained the admiration of the entire Division.

/s/ Maurice Rose

/t/ MAURICE ROSE,

Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

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HQ 517TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY COMBAT TEAM, APO 109, U. S. ARMY

TO: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 517th Parachute Infantry Combat Team.

1. It is with a feeling of great pride that I forward this commendation to the officers and men of the 1st Battalion. Documents such as the above reflect great credit upon each and every man and especially upon the leaders, Lt. Col. William J. Boyle and Major Donald W. Fraser.

2. A commander can find no greater satisfaction than to receive and forward a tribute to fighting ability such as was displayed by you and your men.

/s/ R. D. Graves,  
/t/ R. D. GRAVES,  
Colonel, 517th Prcht Inf  
Commanding

5th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST BATTALION, 517th Prcht. Inf. 22 January 1945

TO: Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men of First Battalion,  
517th Prcht. Inf. C. T.

1. It is with the greatest pleasure and sincere pride that I forward this commendation to all of you.

2. I know that I speak for Col Boyle and Major Fraser when I say that the real credit, the actual battle honors, go to the Company and Platoon commanders, to our superb Non-Commissioned Officers, to those hard-shooting lead scouts, to every mortarman, machine gunner, riflemen, bazooka man, communication man, and aid man.

3. The rich and well-deserved praise heaped upon you by Colonel Howze and the Commanding Generals of his Division and the VII and XVIII Corps show you the high esteem in which they hold our hard-fighting team.

/s/ Robert E. Mc Mahon  
/t/ ROBERT E. MC MAHON  
Major, 517th Prcht. Inf. C. T.  
Commanding

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

*Martin J. Fastala*  
MARTIN J. FASTALA

Capt., 517th Prcht Inf CT.,  
Personnel Officer.

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