

HEADQUARTERS V CORPS
APO 305, U. S. Army
Office of the Commanding General

21 May 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, 97th Infantry Division, APO 445.

1. The 97th Infantry Division served under this Corps from 30 April until 14 May 1945. Upon its relief from attachment to this Headquarters, I desire to express to you, your officers and men my personal thanks and appreciation for the part the 97th Infantry Division played in the closing days of the war against Germany.

2. Your division gave an excellent account of itself when on May 1st it occupied the towns of SCHOENERUM, ST. SEDLISTE, BEZDEKOV and DUBEC. On 5 May the forces under your command had the privilege of driving into CZECHOSLOVAKIA and liberating the towns of CHODOVA, PLANA, TRESTEMCO and FRUMUL. Your organization received the surrender of the Commanding General, 13th German Army Corps and his staff on 7 May.

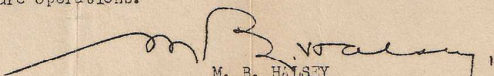
3. In this relatively short period of time the 97th Infantry Division has demonstrated that it is a well trained, efficient organization which will give a good account of itself in future operations against a different enemy. My thanks and best wishes go with each and every one of you.

/S/ C. R. HUEBNER
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Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

HQ 97TH INF DIV, 27 May 45.

To All Members of the 97th Infantry Division.

1. I am pleased to add my commendation to that of General Huebner.
2. In order that each and every member of the division may realize that the part he played contributed to the overall success of the division, I am recording below other specific accomplishments of the division during the period covered.
3. In addition to the towns listed in paragraph 2 of the Corps Commander's letter, the 97th Infantry Division liberated the towns of MARIANSKE LAZNE (MARIENBAD), STRIERO (MIES), MESTO TEPLA, KONSTANTINOVY LAZNE, KLADRUBY, BOR, CIHANA, UTERY, BEZDRUZICE and 185 other lesser communities. The final limit of penetration by the division extended thirty-seven miles east from the CZECHOSLOVAKIAN-GERMAN border and the right flank elements of this division were ten miles from PILSEN when passed through by elements of the Corps armor. During the period 1 - 9 May, 24,243 prisoners of war were taken by the division.
4. I, also, am confident that this division will continue to give a good account of itself in future operations.


M. B. HALSEY
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Commanding