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I. AWARD OF UNIT CITATION. Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular 333, War Department, 22 December 1943, and second indorsement, Headquarters Third United States Army, dated 19 July 1945, file AG 200.6, the following unit is cited:

The Second Battalion, 345th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division distinguished itself by its extraordinary heroism, savage aggressiveness, and indomitable spirit during its advance through the Siegfried Line and capture of Olzheim, Germany. From 5 February through 9 February 1945, the Second Battalion attacked violently and captured Olzheim in the face of extremely difficult terrain, fanatical enemy resistance and devastating artillery fire. In this exemplary accomplishment, the Battalion advanced 11,000 yards smashing 6,000 yards through the Siegfried Line, neutralized many pillboxes and bunkers, and captured 366 enemy prisoners. The brilliant tactical planning, rapid capture of assigned objectives, and the conspicuous gallantry of each member of the battalion are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of Major General GULIN:

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