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Office of the Commanding General  
APO 339, U.S.Army

6 May 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

THRU: Commanding General, XVI Corps, APO 197, U.S.Army.

TO: Major General Harry L. Twaddle,  
95th Infantry Division,  
APO 95, U.S.Army.

1. The recent successful reduction of the "Ruhr Pocket" provides me with the opportunity of commending the 95th Infantry Division for its accomplishments under this command.

2. Your Division was assigned a mission which assumed increasing importance as the Ruhr operation progressed, and I feel that the thoroughness with which you accomplished this mission contributed greatly to the decisive overall results. Your crossing of the Lippe River and your capture of the important centers of Hamm, Soest, and Dortmund constitute achievements which reflect great credit upon your fine organization.

3. I wish also to make note of the determination with which Task Forces Twaddle and Faith, involving elements of both your own and associated units, pressed home the final phase of the attack against stubborn hostile strongholds to eliminate the last vestiges of resistance in the zone.

4. It is my desire that you transmit my personal congratulations to the officers and men of the division upon their splendid accomplishments.

*W.H. Simpson*

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Lieutenant General, U.S.Army  
Commanding.



You were there.  
Certified

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*Harold H. Meisner*  
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Co. M, 379th Inf.  
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