

HEADQUARTERS 21ST INFANTRY  
Office of the Regimental Commander

AFO # 24,  
20 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Officers and Enlisted Men of the 21st Infantry.

On the 19th June 1945, the 21st Infantry was withdrawn from combat and moved to a reserve area. The 18th June 1945 marked the sixty-third (63) day of continuous combat against a stubborn and well trained enemy.

During practically the entire period this regiment was attacking. Fighting in terrain which favored the enemy in defense and in heavy and cogen grass where the heat of day was related to an unbearable degree, you never once failed to take an assigned objective.

The 21st Infantry counted 2133 Japanese dead and captured 14 prisoners. The total for the 24th Division was 5149 enemy casualties. This regiment, therefore, accounted for 42% of the division total.

It is difficult for me to find words to express to you the admiration and respect in which I hold you. You and your dead comrades, and those of you who were wounded in action, have kindled in me an intense pride in commanding such an organization.

*W. J. Verbeck*  
W. J. VERBECK,  
Colonel, 21st Infantry,  
Commanding.

This letter may be mailed after 20 July 1945.