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I. INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION PLANNING FIELD UNIT.—Effective as of 1 November 1947, the Industrial Mobilization Planning Field Unit was established at the Columbus General Distribution Depot, United States Army, Ohio, as a class II activity under the control of the Chief of Transportation.

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II. BATTLE HONORS.—As authorized by Executive Order 9898 (sec. I, Bul. 22, WD, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, Bul. 11, WD, 1942), the following units are cited under the provisions of AR 260-15 in the name of the President of the United States as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction. The citation reads as follows:

The *2d Battalion, 119th Infantry Regiment*, and the following- attached units:
Company A, 66th Armored Regiment;

2d Platoon, Antitank Company, 119th Infantry Regiment.

are cited for exceptionally outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on 2 and 3 April 1945 in the vicinity of Pivitschied, Germany. Fatigued from previous action and badly in need of rest, late on 2 April the battalion launched a night attack up the steep and wooded slope of Teutoberger Wald, a formidable natural barrier, to seize and secure a pass through the enemy held obstacle and permit passage of elements of the 2d Armored Division in its drive to the Elbe River. The attack was launched in a cold, driving rain against a well-equipped and stubborn enemy force fighting from a cleverly prepared defensive position. After bitter hand-to-hand fighting accompanied by intense enemy fire, the battalion seized a position on the crest of the ridge and there turned back repeated counterattacks by the determined enemy. On 3 April, the battalion launched a combined infantry-tank attack, and, penetrating the final positions, inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and seized a town on the enemy-held side of the ridge. In this heroic action, which contributed greatly to the subsequent rapid advance to the Elbe River, the men of the *2d Battalion, 119th Infantry Regiment*, and attached units, distinguished themselves by outstanding aggressiveness, determination, and indomitable courage in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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