

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 23

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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UNITS ENTITLED TO FOREIGN DECORATIONS.—1. Paragraphs 3 and 4, section II, General Orders 24, Department of the Army, 1947, are amended as follows:

3. Divisions.

3D ARMORED DIVISION

Delete: 35d Armed Regiment, 1st Tank Bn (Atchd to 9th Inf Div)
Add: Combat Command B, Task Force K
23d Armd Engr Bn, 2d Plat, Co B
33d Armd Regiment, 1st Bn and 3d Plat, Rcn Co
36th Armd Inf Regiment, Co F
Maintenance Detachment
Medical Detachment
(Attached nondivisional unit is listed in par. 4a.)
(Atchd to 9th Inf Div)

88TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Add: 88th QM Co

4. Nondivisional units.

Delete "106TH INFANTRY DIVISION—Continued" from the top of each even-numbered page, pages 42 to 118, inclusive.

a. Army Ground Forces Units.

Antwerp X AAA Comd—

So much as reads "awarded under Decree No. 2509, 17 June 1948" is amended to read "awarded under Decree No. 2509, 17 June 1946, as amended by Decree No. 4309, 26 September 1947."

Add: 152d AAA Opr Det

~~18th MP Counter Intelligence Det~~

LUXEMBOURG CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under decree dated 2 June 1947, by Charlotte, Grand-Duchess of Luxembourg, with the following citation:

This unit so notably performed its duties in maintaining public order and security during the difficult times before, during, and after the offensive of von Rundstedt, that the remembrance of the outstanding services given to the Grand-Duchy is forever perpetuated.

52d AAA Brigade,
Hq and Hy Btry
81st AAA Group,
Hq and Hq Btry
113th AAA Gun Bn
126th AAA Gun Bn¹
451st AAA Automatic
Weapons Bn
784th AAA Automatic
Weapons Bn
863d AAA Automatic
Weapons Bn, Btry A

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 4309, 26 September 1947, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Realm, with the following citation:

In the course of the period from 27 November to 14 December 1944, the 81st AAA Group and its attached units provided the antiaircraft defense of the City of Liege against numerous attacks from the German air force. The ardor displayed by these units in the accomplishment of their mission was outstanding in the protection of property and human lives among the civilian population of Liege, as well as among the Allied troops.

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 4309, 26 September 1947, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Realm, with the following citation:

¹ Also cited with Antwerp X AAA Command for Belgian Fourragers.

At the time of the Ardennes offensive, and in spite of the efforts made by the German army to seize the City of Liege, the units forming the 31st AAA Group set up a particularly effective antiaircraft defense. During the period from 16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945, these units fought without respite against the most violent attacks of the German air force, thus contributing to the annihilation of every attempt by the enemy to secure possession of this particularly important center of communication and to effect a deep penetration into Belgium. The units of the 31st AAA Group displayed such an aggressive and effective defense that the Luftwaffe was unable to interrupt the continual stream of the supply trains bound for the front lines along the sole railway and over the single important bridge crossing the Meuse. These actions contributed in a large part to the liberation of Belgium.

BELGIAN FOURRAGERE (1940), awarded under Decree No. 4309, 26 September 1947, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Realm.

703d TD Bn, 2d Plat, Co B
(Attached to Combat Command B, 3d Armd Div which was attached 9th Inf Div)

BELGIAN CROIX DE GUERRE, awarded under Decree No. 1391, 20 November 1945, by Charles, Prince of Belgium, Regent of the Kingdom. (For citation, see 9th Infantry Division, *first citation only*.)

2. Section III, General Orders 24, Department of the Army, 1947, is added as follows:

III.—WEARING OF FOREIGN DECORATIONS.—The wearing of the French and Belgian Fourrageres and the Netherlands Orange Lanyard, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 18, AR 260-15, will be governed by the following:

1. **French and Belgian Fourrageres.**—Normally, two awards of the Croix de Guerre are required before a unit becomes eligible for the award of the Fourragere. The award of the Fourragere is not automatic, but must be specifically authorized by decree of the respective foreign government. The award of the Croix de Guerre to a unit does not authorize the wearing of the decoration by an individual. Likewise, no award of the Croix de Guerre to an individual is considered in determining eligibility to wear the Fourragere. The Fourragere may be worn permanently only by those individuals who were assigned, or permanently attached, to and present for duty with a unit during both actions for which the unit was cited for the Croix de Guerre. The French Fourragere may be worn temporarily by those individuals assigned, or permanently attached, to such unit, but who were not present for duty with the unit in both actions for which it was cited, only so long as they remain with such unit. Temporary wearing of the Belgian Fourragere is not authorized.

2. **Netherlands Orange Lanyard.**—The Netherlands Orange Lanyard may be worn permanently only by those individuals who were assigned, or permanently attached, to and present for duty with a unit during the action for which it was cited. Temporary wearing of the Netherlands Orange Lanyard is not authorized.

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