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**II. BATTLE HONORS.**—As authorized by Executive Order 9396 (sec. I, WD Bul. 22, 1943), superseding Executive Order 9075 (sec. III, WD Bul. 11, 1942), the following units are cited by the War Department 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 citations read as follows:

1. The *1st Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment*, is cited for extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in crossing the Mortagne River near Frepifontaine, France, between 15 and 25 October 1944. This battalion, heavily engaged during this period, encountered small-arms, mortar, tank, and artillery fire from a strongly defending and heavily entrenched enemy. Although worn by more than 8 week's continuous operation, in which it had advanced more than 400 miles, and suffering from exposure to cold and rain, the battalion attacked boldly and aggressively under enemy observation and intense fire and forced a crossing over the icy, deep, and swift Mortagne River. Despite heavy casualties, unfavorable weather conditions, and strong enemy resistance, the battalion attained the objective, secured the position, and successfully repulsed determined enemy counterattacks, thereby facilitating the main attack of the VI Corps in the direction of Beria-St. Die. The individual courage, high combat efficiency, and performance of duty of each officer and men of the *1st Battalion, 180th Infantry Regiment*, in these hazardous operations are in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit on themselves and the armed forces of the United States.