

82 TANK Bn

HEADQUARTERS XII CORPS  
APO 312 c/o Postmaster  
Nashville, Tennessee

ad/ RB  
CO-XX  
SX  
57  
52  
Only Copy.

GENERAL ORDERS

17 February 1944

No. 2

The 159th Engineer Combat Battalion, less Company B, commanded by Major Michael J. McNamara, O449565, is cited for conspicuous accomplishment in Operation No. 3 of Second Army Maneuver No. 5 on 15 February 1944. At 2100, this organization was given the mission of destroying an enemy Red Force consisting of remnants of an infantry battalion, which was harassing movements on the Lebanon-Shop Springs-Cherry Valley Highway. To accomplish this mission, it was necessary to scour the woods, beat the bushes and comb the entire area to the extent of a mile on each side of the highway. By 2400, three hours later, the mission was completed, and the highway was cleared. By the superior judgment and leadership exhibited by the officers, and the indomitable spirit shown by the enlisted men of this battalion; the Red Force was completely destroyed. This task required sound judgment, ability to think rapidly and accurately, and a high degree of initiative. By their devotion to duty and extreme efficiency, the personnel of the 159th Engineer Combat Battalion contributed in a marked degree to the success of the Blue Forces in Operation No. 3.

By command of Major General COOK:

RALPH J. CAVINE,  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.



*R. J. Cavine*  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

Distribution: A & B & F