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Hqrs. 1st Army, American E. F., 22 Jan. 1919. (Through Commanding General, 8th Army Corps)
to: Commanding General, 6th Division.

1. Forwarded.

2. The Army Commander desires to add to the foregoing his full appreciation of the services of the 6th Division in the last attack of the 1st Army. By Command of Lieutenant General Liggett:

NK. Loughry,
Adjutant General.

2nd. Ind

Hqrs. 8th Army Corps, American E. F., January 3rd, 1919, to: The Commanding General, 6th Division.

1. The Corps Commander is much pleased that the 6th Division received this official recognition by General Hqrs. of its highly meritorious conduct.

H. Palmer Erickson,
Chief-of-Staff.

2. The 6th Division, in spite of all difficulty, was always in position and in readiness to take over the post and duties of a Front Line Division, but unfortunately, never received the opportunity to do so. Therefore, could not be cited as a front line unit, but it constituted a part of the Corps Troops of whom it is specifically stated in General Order #232 G.H.Q. that: "Your steadfast adherence to duty and your dogged determination in the face of all obstacles made possible the heroic deeds cited above".

No higher praise can be earned by soldier than that accorded the officers and men of the Division by our Commander-in-Chief.

3. This order will be read to all organizations and copy of it posted on all bulletin boards until all members of the Command are conversant with its contents.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL GORDON

J. W. Beacham,
Colonel-General Staff,
Chief-of-Staff.

Official:
Robert Lawrence,
Major, A.G.D.

HEADQUARTERS 6th DIVISION
A.E.F. France, 29 Jan./1918

GENERAL ORDER
NO. 7

1. The Commanding General takes it a pleasure personally in making known officially to the 6TH DIVISION the following tribute by the Commander-in-Chief with the added approbation of the Commanding General, the 1st Army, on the work of the Division in the Meuse-Argonne offensive:

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
American Ex. F., 18 Jan/1918

From: The Chief of Staff

To: The Commanding General, 6th American Division, (through Commanding General, 1st American Army.

Subject: Appreciation of the 6TH DIVISION.

1. The Commander-in-chief directs that I inform you as to the reason for omitting to mention specifically the 6th Division in General Order #232, and to express to you and to the Division his appreciation of the work done by the 6th Division from Nov. 1, 1918 to Nov. 11, 1918.

2. Since all the Units of the American Expeditionary Forces, (including those at base ports and at quiet sectors) contributed to the striking successes obtained in the early days of Nov. it was necessary to adopt the rigid rule governing the mention of particular units. The rule adopted was that only the Division actually in the 1st line should be mentioned by name and that all Corps and Army Troops should be referred to in general terms without specifying particular units.

3. While recognizing the necessity of following this rule above quoted, the Commander-in-Chief has not failed to note with great interest the soldierly achievements of the 6th Div. The following remarks concerning the 6th Div. are on record at these Hqs.:

The 6th DIVISION detrained in the Germent region in the latter part of Oct./18. On account of the very serious lack of animals and motor vehicles in the Division, there was a great doubt on the part of the higher staff as to whether or not the Div. should be utilized during the coming offensive. Nevertheless, with less than 1000 animals and with very little truck transportation, the Division advanced into the Reserve position for the 1st Army Corps. From Nov. 2/18 to Nov. 6/18, the 6th Div. closely followed the rapid advance of the First Corps without complaint or even remark. The Infantry of the Div. made long marches on congested roads, pulling by hand their Machine Gun Carts and carrying on their backs, or doing without, supplies for which transportation should normally be available. Upon the determination of the successful advance towards Sedan, the 6TH DIVISION immediately turned south and after a long march arrived East of Verdun, ready and willing to perform any task which might be assigned to it. That the Div. was not engaged East of Verdun was due to the fact that at the moment of its arrival the Armistice became effective. Altogether the performance of the 6th Div. during the first eleven days of Nov. '18, stands out as one of the finest examples of fortitude and soldierly spirit displayed by the American Soldiers during the war. It is not unjust to say that the duties of the 6th Div. during this period required more discipline and soldierly determination than many engagements with the enemy.

4. You are authorized to communicate such part of this letter as you may see fit to the members of your command.

(Signed) James W. McAndrews,
Maj. General - U. S. Army.