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To: Whom It May Concern.

Subject: Col. John C. Nickerson, Jr.

I commanded the 8th Inf. Div. Artillery from about June 5, 1942 to about Aug. 16, 1945. During a part of this period, from July 4, 1944 to VE Day, we were actively engaged in the combat zone in the European Theater of Operation.

During the period of my command, Col. John C. Nickerson, Jr., then Lieut. Col., commanded the 56th F.A. Bn. His manner of performing his duties was Superior.

I found him to be a gentleman of sterling character. At no time did I have occasion to question his truthfulness, integrity, and reliability as an officer. I had great confidence in him.

During the training and combat periods I was closely associated with the artillery commanders of my command. I considered Col. Nickerson as an intelligent and highly valuable officer. I used him accordingly and never had occasion to regret my choice.

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