

Lieut. Col. Buckley Again Cited For Great Work in New Britain

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Exceptional capacity in organizing and directing of an official intelligence section during the preparation and subsequent landing and seizure of important enemy positions, has earned another citation for Lieutenant Colonel Edmond John Buckley, U. S. Marine Corps Reserves, in private life executive vice president of the Union Bank and Trust Company.

Under date of January 23, 1944, Commanding General W. H. Rupertus, of the First Marine Division, Fleet Marine Corps, commends Lt. Col. Buckley for outstanding performance of duty as follows:

"For meritorious performance of duty as Assistant Chief of Staff, D-2 during the preparation for the landing of the First Marine Division (reinforced) in the Borgen Bay area, New Britain, on December 26, 1943, and during the landing, subsequent seizure and occupation of the Cape Gloucester air-drome, and the consolidation of our positions to January 16, 1944. On preparation for the landing Lt. Col. Buckley worked untiringly to gather, evaluate and disseminate enemy information of value to the planning. He demonstrated an exceptional capacity in organizing and directing the training of an efficient Divisional Intelligence Section. Subsequent to the landing, his gathering and evaluation of the information as to the enemy forces and their actions was outstanding. Lt. Col. Buckley's experience, intelligence, co-operation, professional zeal and attention to duty assisted materially in aiding the Commanding General and other staff members to arrive at proper tactical decisions. His con-



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duct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Services and merits high commendation".

Lt. Col. Buckley enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1927, and was placed on the reserve list following his discharge. Shortly after the United States became involved in the world strife, he was recalled to active duty.

His wife, the former Miss Edna Caroline French of Llanerch, together with their three children, Edmond J. Jr., Catherine and Robin David, reside near Center Valley.

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