

1945

36th Inf Division

336-1.13

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO #36, U. S. Army

AG RECORDS SEC.

15 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 176

Award of Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.....I  
Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II

I. AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE. Under the provisions of War Department Circular No. 345, dated 23 August 1944, each of the following named units are awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks:

SERVICE COMPANY, 141ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 15 August to 1 November 1944 in France. During this period, which included the invasion of Southern France and the swift pursuit of the enemy to the Vosges Mountains, the Service Company overcame seemingly impossible odds to keep the regiment adequately supplied and insure the proper maintenance of vehicles. Driving hundreds of miles a day over mountainous terrain, improvising and inventing when scanty equipment made it necessary, and working day and night to repair their vehicles, the men of Service Company displayed a willingness and resourcefulness which was exemplary. As a result of this outstanding performance of duty the regiment was always adequately supplied and the advance was never delayed by disabled vehicles in need of repair. During the entire period the Service Company accomplished its difficult tasks with such a degree of success as to win the complete confidence of the regiment.

SERVICE COMPANY, 142D INFANTRY REGIMENT, for outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 January 1944 to 1 January 1945 in Italy and France. During this period, which included the bitter mountain fighting of the Italian winter campaign, the spectacular drive to and beyond Rome, the invasion of Southern France, and the operations against enemy troops well-entrenched in the Vosges Mountains, the members of Service Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, performed their important tasks in a consistently superior manner. Despite the difficulties of long supply routes and adverse weather and terrain, the supply section kept all the regimental units supplied with ammunition, rations, clothing and equipment, never failing to fill emergency supply request promptly. The company truck drivers frequently day and night to assure the regiment adequate transportation, and the maintenance crew worked for long hours to keep all the vehicles repaired and in good condition. The high caliber of the Service Company's accomplishments during this period reflects great credit on all the members of the unit and contributed greatly to the combat efficiency of the regiment.

- 1 -  
(over)

80 MAY 1945

RESTRICTED

DONALD R. NEILD,  
Regiment, 20 March  
ATTN: O  
REGIMENT  
(GO 127, Hq 36th Inf Div)

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority: NND 235017

