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MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE --- Awards

Under the provisions of Section I, War Department Circular No. 345, dated 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded by the Commanding General, 33d Infantry Division, to the following units:

Service Company, 123d Infantry. For superior performance of duty in accomplishing exceptionally difficult tasks at Toem, Dutch New Guinea, from 1 September 1944 to 1 February 1945. During this period Service Company rendered in an outstanding manner a prompt and enthusiastic execution of orders in all phases of administration and supply. Service Company was responsible for and accomplished with great success the supplying of a regiment in combat whose mission included the staging of troops for forward areas and the administration of all Base activities. In addition to its numerous and difficult tasks Service Company was required to furnish supply trucks and drivers on a twenty-four hour basis to the Army Force Beachmaster for the loading and unloading of ships. Service Company achieved and maintained a high state of military discipline throughout the entire period.

Medical Detachment, 123d Infantry. For outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 September 1944 to 1 February 1945. During this period the 123d Infantry Regiment was stationed at Toem, Dutch New Guinea, with the mission of holding an extensive perimeter. To secure the perimeter it was necessary to send out more than the normal number of patrols to locate and destroy as many of the enemy as possible. Aid men from Medical Detachment accompanied every patrol and exhibited conspicuous and outstanding devotion to duty and efficiency in rendering medical aid. On numerous occasions when the enemy was contacted and fire fights ensued, the aid men displayed great bravery and courage in administering first aid to the casualties and were responsible for the saving of many men's lives. Despite rugged terrain, dense jungle and the lack of roads Medical Detachment personnel overcame the difficult problem of evacuation in a superior manner. Medical Detachment achieved and maintained a high state of military discipline throughout the entire period.

Service Company, 130th Infantry. For superior performance of and outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks from 1 August 1944 to 1 February 1945. Faced with the task of supplying combat troops under fire in rugged, mountainous terrain, all Service Company personnel cooperated in the prompt, efficient and continuous delivery of all classes of supply to the fighting men. On numerous occasions a volunteer group of clerks, cooks, truck drivers and maintenance men performed outstanding service