

**Authenticated Unit Awards 228th Supply and Service Company (DS)**  
**July 1966 – July 1970**

**Part A:**

**National Defense Service Medal** issued beginning 1967

**Vietnam Campaign Medal with device** issued beginning 1967

**Vietnam Service Medal** issued beginning 1967

Note: Vietnam Campaign Medal “device” varies depending on year of service. In 1967, the device was a blank followed by the two digit number sixty “\_60”. All personnel who served in USARV from January 1967 forward received these three medals.

**Part B:**

***Meritorious Unit Commendation:*** aka:..“MUC” is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least six continuous months during the period of military operations against an armed enemy occurring on or after 1 January 1944. Service in a combat zone is not required, but must be directly related to the combat effort. CONUS based units are excluded from this award as are other units outside the area of operation. The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit to an individual. Only in rare cases will a unit larger than a Battalion qualify for this decoration. For services performed during WWII awards will be made only to service units and only for services performed between 1 January 1944 and 15 September 1946. Effective 1 March 1961, the Meritorious Unit Commendation was authorized for units and/or detachments of the Armed Forces of the United States for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least six continuous months in support of military operations. Such service is interpreted to relate to combat service support type activities and not to the type of activities performed by senior headquarters, combat, or combat support units.

The emblem is worn by all members of the cited organization and is considered an individual decoration for persons in connection with the cited acts and may be worn whether or not they continue as members of the organization. Other personnel may wear this decoration while serving with an organization to indicate the unit has been awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

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**Note:** The following data is extracted from General Orders number 38 and 39, referencing a recap of Valorous, and Meritorious Unit Awards as consolidated 20 July 1970, Headquarters Department of the Army for units of the Army, Air Force, and Navy Republic of Vietnam who were awarded said citation.  
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**Part C:**

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**“Per General Orders number 38, Headquarters, Department of the Army, Washington D.C., dated 20 July 1970, Section IV, Meritorious Unit Commendation:** 1. Paragraph 39, section II, DA General Orders 17, 1968, pertaining to award of the of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the Support Command, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and its assigned units, is amended to add:”

***“Laundry Section, 228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company, 266<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion”  
“Bakery Section, 228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company, 266<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Battalion”***

**Note:** The above reference applies to the award of the MUC to the 25<sup>th</sup> Supply and Transport Battalion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and/or attached units stationed in Cu Chi (For time period July 1966 – May 1967) per Article in “Army Reporter, USARV, dated 18 March 1967, Page 4.. The date differential within the cited orders, number 38 of above is due to the actual consolidation of MUC awards, as amended in 1970 by the Department of the Army.

**Part D:**

**Per General Orders number 39, Headquarters Department of the Army, Washington D.C., dated 20 July 1970, Section II, Meritorious Unit Commendation;** “By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraphs 194 and 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is confirmed for the following named units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated as awarded by cited authority” (Pages 1-15)

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**266th Supply and Service Battalion and its assigned units:**

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 266<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Battalion  
5<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company (For time period 2 November 1968 – 1 May 1969)  
61<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Company (For time period 1 November 1968 – 1 May 1969)  
82<sup>nd</sup> Quartermaster Platoon (For time period 19 June 1967 – 1 February 1969)  
223<sup>rd</sup> Supply and Service Company (Less Petroleum Platoon and Petroleum Laboratory) –  
(For time period 1 October 1966 – 3 July 1967)  
**228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company (For time period 1 October 1966 – 3 July 1967)**  
229<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company (For time period 31 July 1967 – 4 November 1968)  
383<sup>rd</sup> Quartermaster Detachment (For time period 2 March 1968 – 1 May 1969)  
483<sup>th</sup> Service Company  
506<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company (For period 1 October 1966 – 19 January 1967, 25 August 1967 – 1 September 1968, and 4 December 1968 – 1 May 1969)

519<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company (For time period 1 November 1968 – 1 May 1969)  
624<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company (Less Petroleum Platoon for the time period 1 October 1966 – 15 December 1966)

**For the period 1 October 1966 – 1 May 1969 as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 123, 1970**

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**277<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Battalion and its assigned and attached units:**

Headquarters and Headquarters Company 277<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Battalion

94<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company

548<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Company

**228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company**

205<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Platoon

212<sup>th</sup> Military Police Platoon

505<sup>th</sup> Supply Detachment

For the time period 15 February 1969 – 15 August 1969, as announced in United States Army, Vietnam General Orders 294, 1970

By order of the Secretary of the Army:

W.C. WESTMORELAND,  
*General, United States Army*  
*Chief of Staff*

Official:

KENNETH G. WICKHAM,  
*Major General, United States Army*  
*The Adjutant General*

*20 July 1970*

**Part E:**

In addition to the consolidated recap of DAGO **38** and **39** preceding, the Military Awards Historian of Fort Lee, Virginia, confirmed the following regarding the 228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company (DS):

20 October 1966 - DAGO 53; MUC with streamer – 228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company  
20 October 1967 – DAGO 20; MUC with streamer – 228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1969 – DAGO 48; MUC - 228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company

**Note:** It is difficult to determine if these three (3) particular MUC awards are separate in nature, or inclusive with DAGO 39 of 20 July 1970.....the suspicion being, they are inclusive.

### **Part F:**

#### **Distinguished Unit of the Regiment, Quartermaster Corps: aka: “DUOR”**

**228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company (DS) – 13 May 2004, Ft. Lee, Virginia**

**Note:** This honor applies to all personnel who served, were assigned, and/or attached by orders for time period 25 July 1966 – 2 February 1972. In addition, two of the 228<sup>th</sup>'s superior command units (266<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Battalion (DS) and 277<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Battalion (DS) were also inducted as Distinguished Units of the Regiment; the 266<sup>th</sup> in 1993, the 277<sup>th</sup> in 1994.

This award was accepted on behalf of the entire 228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company (DS) personnel who had served from July 1966 through February 1972. The award was accepted by four individuals of the original unit formed in Long Binh, 20 July 1966, re-assigned to Tay Ninh 7 October 1966, and rotated to CONUS May 1967 – October 1967

#### **Summation:**

**The 228<sup>th</sup> Supply and Service Company (DS) within a short span of time (1966-1970) received an obvious three (3) MUC's. However, there is a possibility, that in total the unit was awarded four (4) within those same 4 years. There is no documented evidence or otherwise, that the unit received further MUC awards after 1970.**

**In addition, the Company had the good fortune to be inducted as a “Distinguished Unit of the Regiment” Quartermaster Corps in 2004.** This award is inclusive for all personnel who served 20 July 1966 through 1973, when the unit was inactivated in Can Tho, Delta area, some 80 miles south of Saigon.

Further, there were a number of individual awards such as 17 Purple Hearts awarded in December of 1966, resulting from enemy fire of 4 November 1966. It is known that there were other possible individual awards such as the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal and/or other, which this report does not attempt to enumerate.

Respectfully;

Arthur B. Neighbor

Company Clerk

Co B, 266<sup>th</sup> QM BN (DS) 1965 - 1966 Fort Lewis, WA, Long Binh USARV

228<sup>th</sup> S&S CO, (DS) 1966 - 1967 Long Binh, Tay Ninh USARV