3 October 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

: Commanding Officer, 36th Engineer Regiment (C), APO 758, U. S. TO Army.

I am pleased to commend the 16th Engineer Regiment (C) for exceptionally meritorious service in the Italian Campaign from 10 February to 2 June 1944.

For the first 45 days of that period the Regiment fought as Infantry with the British Divisions there a part of this Corps on the left of the Anzio Beachhead. In the difficult terrain in that sector it acquitted itself with great credit and in such a manner as to evoke high praise from successive Division Commarders.

Upon its relief from the lines after having engaged in much heavy fighting, it returned to engineet duties which it performed in a characteristically highly efficient hanner.

On 8 May the Regiment again returned to the lines on the right flank of the Corps and fought with great success in the breakout from the Beachhead in which its element; make the memorable first contact with the friendly forces advancing from the South.

On the 31st of May it was at ached to the 36th Infantry Division and participated with it in the reduction of the important town of Velletri, then a strongly organized enemy position blocking the advance on Rome.

At all times and under all conditions the Regiment fought valiantly, gallantly and in the highest traditions of the military service. Its achievements are written in the history of this Corps.

I am proud to express my appreciation of the outstanding performance of the 36th Engineer Regiment (C)

I desire that this commendation be transmitted to every officer and man of the Regiment.

> Lieutenant General, Ú. S. Army Commanding