



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
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The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to the

NINTH MARINE REGIMENT (-) (REINFORCED)
THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam from 29 November 1967 to 12 January 1968. Assigned the mission of clearing a twenty-square-kilometer area, then constructing and defending Strong Point Patrol Base A-3, the Ninth Marine Regiment (-) (Reinforced) engaged a stubborn and fanatical enemy in Quang Tri Province, successfully drove it from well concealed, strongly defended, and mutually supporting positions, and successfully defended the area against the suicidal efforts of North Vietnamese Army units to recapture the area. Conducting continuous local and long-range patrols through areas heavily mined and booby-trapped, and encountering strong North Vietnamese forces whose mission it was to stop our forces from establishing the patrol base, the Regiment provided the security which was vital to the construction of Strong Point Patrol Base A-3. Simultaneous with the defensive efforts, the attached engineer and construction elements of the Regiment constructed numerous bunkers, hundreds of meters of warning, single-apron, triple concertina and double-apron fence, and hundreds of meters of mine field containing thousands of mines. Despite constant enemy artillery and rocket attacks at irregular intervals throughout the day and night, and monsoon rains which hampered construction efforts, this extraordinary feat of combat engineering was accomplished a full week ahead of schedule. Through their courageous efforts, indomitable spirit, and steadfast devotion to duty, the officers and men of the Ninth Marine Regiment (-) (Reinforced) provided a forward combat patrol base for the conduct of future operations against the enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



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All personnel attached to and serving with the following units of the 9th Marine Regiment (-) (Reinforced) during the periods indicated are authorized to wear the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon:

INFANTRY UNITS:

3d Marines
1st Battalion -29 November to 29 December 1967
3d Battalion -29 December 1967 to 12 January 1968

4th Marines
1st Battalion -29 November to 26 December 1967
3d Battalion -26 December 1967 to 12 January 1968

9th Marines
Headquarters -29 November 1967 to 12 January 1968
2d Battalion -29 November to 24 December 1967

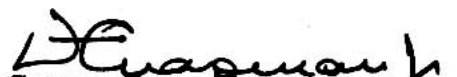
COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS:

11th Engineer Battalion -29 November 1967 to 12 January 1968

12th Marines
2d Battalion -29 November 1967 to 12 January 1968
Mortar Battery,
3d Battalion -29 November to 26 December 1967
Battery M, 4th
Battalion -29 November 1967 to 12 January 1968
Battery K, 4th
Battalion -29 November 1967 to 12 January 1968

Mobile Construction Battalion 5, U. S. Navy -10 to 22 December 1967

For the Secretary of the Navy,


Commandant of the Marine Corps