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The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION to the

7TH REGIMENTAL LANDING TEAM

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Viet Cong forces during the assault and seizure of the Van Tuong Peninsula, Vietnam from 18 to 23 August 1965. Acting on the basis of intelligence information that a 2000 man Main Force Viet Cong Regiment was located in the Van Tuong Peninsula, Vietnam and preparing to attack the Chu Lai airfield, the 7th Regimental Landing Team was ordered to assault the enemy force within ninety-six hours. In this short period of time, the 7th Regimental Landing Team completed planning to solve the complex problem of coordinating air, sea and ground elements in an envelopment of the enemy in an area opening only into the South China Sea. Conducting an overland movement with a combined amphibious and helicopter landing under mortar, machine gun, small-arms, and recoilless rifle fire, the 7th Regimental Landing Team, supported by Naval gunfire and Marine aircraft, attacked the hedgerows and slopes of the objectives and by evening had compressed the enemy into a pocket against the sea. Continuing their attack during the ensuing days, the force fought its way forward through a maze of caves, tunnels and fortified localities and over rugged jungle terrain to secure the peninsula. In so doing, the attack thwarted an enemy assault on Chu Lai, freed the civilian population from the terror of the Viet Cong, and set an inspiring example for our own and allied forces. By their effective teamwork, aggressive fighting spirit and individual acts of heroism and daring, the men of the 7th Regimental Landing Team and supporting Marine aviation units not only achieved significant results but, in doing so, exemplified qualities of courage and skill which were in keeping with 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 7th Regimental Landing Team during the period 18 to 23 August 1965 are hereby authorized to wear the NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

Headquarters Company, 7th Marines
Detachment, Company B (Rein), 1st Tank Battalion
Detachment, 3d Battalion(-)(Rein), 11th Marines
Detachment, Company A, 3d Antitank Battalion
107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
Detachment, Headquarters Company, 3d Amphibious
Tractor Battalion
Detachment, Company A, 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion

Battalion Landing Team, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines
Headquarters and Service Company, 2d Battalion,
4th Marines
Companies E, G, and H, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines
2d Platoon, Company C, 3d Tank Battalion
2d Platoon, Company B, 3d Engineer Battalion
Detachment, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
Platoon, Military Police Company, 3d Marine Division

Battalion Landing Team, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines
Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Battalion,
3d Marines
Companies I, K, L, and M, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines
3d Platoon, Company A, 3d Tank Battalion
Platoon, Company B, 3d Antitank Battalion
3d Platoon(Rein), Company A, 1st Amphibious Tractor
Battalion
3d Platoon, Company B, 3d Engineer Battalion
Detachment, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
Detachment, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
Detachment, Interrogation-Translation Team, 4th Marines



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Battalion Landing Team, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines
Companies I, L and M, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines
Battery I, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion
3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion
2d Platoon, Company A, 7th Motor Transport Battalion
3d Platoon, Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion
3d Platoon, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion
3d Platoon, Company A, 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion
Detachment, 1st Force Service Regiment
Detachment, Company C, 1st Shore Party Battalion
Detachment, Beach Master Unit-1
Detachment, Company C, 1st Medical Battalion
Detachment, 1st Force Reconnaissance Company

SUPPORTING UNITS

Marine Air

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadrons 311, 513, and 542
Marine Attack Squadrons 214 and 225
Marine Medium Helicopter Squadrons 161, 163, 261
and 361
Marine Observation Squadron 2
Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1
Detachment, Marine Air Support Squadron 2

Marine Ground

Platoon, 1st 155 Gun Battery
Platoon, Battery K, 155 Howitzer Battery, 4th Battalion,
12th Marines

Army Aviation Units

7th Airlift Platoon, I Corps Aviation Company (Prov)
1st Platoon and Detachment, 3d Platoon, 220th Aviation
Company

Paul H. Nitze
Secretary of the Navy