



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES
THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service against the North Vietnamese Army and Communist Viet Cong forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 May 1968 to 15 September 1968. The Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division (Reinforced), operating in the Northern I Corps area of the Republic of Vietnam, successfully executed the fluid mobility and intrepid combat effectiveness of the Battalion and constantly demonstrated its effectiveness while engaged with enemy forces in operations ranging from Cua Viet River to the extreme western end of the Cam Lo River Valley. The Battalion's frequent displacement to engage the enemy and assume new missions was characterized by uncommon flexibility and readiness and the combat actions were distinguished by unusual efficiency and valor. Direct losses inflicted on the North Vietnamese Army/Communist Viet Cong enemy included 359 killed, 34 prisoners taken, 309 individual, and 67 crew served weapons captured, 2 75mm Pack Howitzers and over 2700 mortar rounds captured. Throughout this period, the operations conducted by the Third Battalion, Third Marines materially contributed to the success of the Third Marine Division operations in the Northern I Corps area. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness and aggressive fighting spirit of the officers and men of the Third Battalion, Third Marines in battle against a well equipped enemy reflected great credit upon them and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

All personnel attached to and serving with the following attached and direct support units of the Third Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division (Reinforced), during the periods as set forth below are authorized to wear the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION Ribbon.

For the Secretary of the Navy,


Commandant of the Marine Corps