



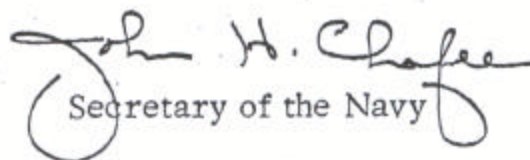
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

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

THIRD MARINE REGIMENT, THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF  
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious and heroic achievement during the period 30 April to 16 May 1968 while engaged in combat against enemy forces in the southeastern Cam Lo District, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. Initiating counteraction against a numerically superior enemy force in the vicinity of Dai Do and along the strategically critical Thach Han River, the Third Marine Regiment demonstrated an outstandingly high degree of combat readiness and aggressiveness during a series of fiercely fought and bitterly opposed combat actions. In the face of heavy enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, the Third Marine Regiment moved relentlessly forward and surmounted every obstacle to inflict over 1500 casualties upon the enemy and capture large quantities of weapons and ammunition. The success achieved by the regiment and its attached Army and Air Force units precluded the closing of the Thach Han River - a communication and resupply route essential to units in the Northern I Corps area - and prevented the enemy from attacking and isolating the cities of Dong Ha and Quang Tri and their respective military complexes. By their valiant fighting spirit, efficient teamwork, professionalism, and dedication, the officers and men of the Third Marine Regiment and attached units achieved a resounding victory over the enemy and contributed essentially to United States efforts in Southeast Asia. Their inspiring performance reflected great credit upon themselves and the Marine Corps, and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

  
Secretary of the Navy

ADDENDUM PAGE TO THE CITATION OF THE NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION  
TO THIRD MARINE REGIMENT (-) (Reinforced), THIRD MARINE  
DIVISION (Reinforced), 30Apr68 to 16May68.

<u>UNITS</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES	30Apr68 - 16May68
COMPANY I, THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES	5May68 - 8May68
COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES	5May68 - 8May68
FIRST AMPHIBIOUS TRACTOR BATTALION	
HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY (Reinforced)	30Apr68 - 16May68
COMPANY A	30Apr68 - 16May68
COMPANY B (LESS Detachment, Company B, receiving MUC for the period 16Sep67-1Sep68 in support of Third Amphibious Tractor Battalion)	30Apr68 - 16May68

ATTACHED AND SUPPORTING UNITS

BATTERY I, THIRD BATTALION, 12th MARINES	30Apr68 - 16May68
BATTERY C, FIRST BATTALION, 11th MARINES	30Apr68 - 16May68
FIRST PLATOON, FIRST ARMORED AMPHIBI- OUS COMPANY	30Apr68 - 16May68
BATTERY W (-), FIRST BATTALION, 12th MARINES	30Apr68 - 16May68
BATTERY W, THIRD BATTALION, 12th MARINES	30Apr68 - 16May68
COMPANY B, THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION	30Apr68 - 16May68
OTTER PLATOON, HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY, THIRD MOTOR TRANS- PORT BATTALION	30Apr68 - 16May68
FIRST PLATOON, COMPANY A, THIRD MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION	30Apr68 - 16May68