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Dear Mr. Hasselwander

Enclosed is a copy of the Navy Presidential Unit Citation that was forwarded to me from the Department of The Navy, Awards and Decorations Section. This document verifies award of this decoration to twelve additional Air Force Units.

I want to again express my sincere appreciation for your assistance in tracking down this documentation.

Sincerely

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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1650.1D CHANGE TRANSMITTAL 2

From: Secretary of the Navy
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual

Encl: (1) Annex I, Lists A, B, and C, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation and Meritorious Unit Commendation

1. Purpose. When the basic instruction was promulgated, addressees were required to retain Annex II of the instruction being canceled. This change transmittal is intended to update and replace lists 1 and 2 of the retained Annex. It contains a complete listing of all Presidential Unit Citations, Navy Unit Commendations, and Meritorious Unit Commendations approved for Navy and Marine Corps units prior to 1 April 1970.
2. Cancellation. This change transmittal cancels lists 1 and 2 only of Annex II to the old instruction.
3. Future Lists. Future lists will be issued from time to time as information becomes available concerning eligible ships and units. These lists will become a permanent part of Annex I.
4. Action. Addressees are requested to make the following changes:
 - a. Remove and destroy lists 1 and 2 of Annex II to the old instruction and retain and add, in proper sequence, lists 3,4,5 and 6 after lists A, B, and C of Annex I which is hereby transmitted.
 - b. This Annex is bound separately to facilitate its use; however, it will be retained as an integral part of the basic instruction.
5. Cancellation. This change transmittal is canceled when the prescribed action is taken.

James D. Hittle
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
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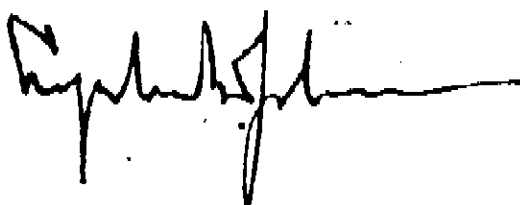
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to

← TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES (REINFORCED),
THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For extraordinary heroism in action against North Vietnamese Army forces during the battle for Khe Sanh in the Republic of Vietnam from 20 January to April 1968. Throughout this period, the 26th Marines (Reinforced) was assigned the mission of holding the vital Khe Sanh Combat Base and positions on Hills 881, 861-A, 558 and 950, which dominated strategic enemy approach routes into Northern I Corps. The 26th Marines was opposed by numerically superior forces - two North Vietnamese Army divisions, strongly reinforced with artillery, tank, anti-aircraft artillery and rocket units. The enemy, deployed to take advantage of short lines of communications, rugged mountainous terrain, jungle, and adverse weather conditions, was determined to destroy the Khe Sanh Combat Base in conjunction with large scale offensive operations in the two northern provinces of the Republic of Vietnam. The 26th Marines, occupying a small but critical area, was daily subjected to hundreds of rounds of intensive artillery, mortar and rocket fire. In addition, fierce ground attacks were conducted by the enemy in an effort to penetrate the friendly positions. Despite overwhelming odds, the 26th Marines remained resolute and determined, maintaining the integrity of its positions and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. When monsoon weather greatly reduced air support and compounded the problems of aerial resupply, the men of the 26th Marines stood defiantly firm, sustained by their own professional esprit and high sense of duty. Through their indomitable will, staunch endurance, and resolute courage, the 26th Marines and supporting units held the Khe Sanh Combat Base. The actions of the 26th Marines contributed substantially to the failure of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army winter/spring offensive. The enemy forces were denied the military and psychological victory they so desperately sought. By their gallant fighting spirit and their countless individual acts of heroism, the men of the 26th Marines (Reinforced) established a record of illustrious courage and determination in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.



- 1st Reconnaissance Battalion
 A Company (-), 16 Jan 66-28 Mar 66.
 C Company, 14 Aug 65-28 Mar 66.
- 1st Force Reconnaissance Company, 24 Oct 65-27 Apr 66.
- 1st Tank Battalion, B Company.
 14 Aug 65-28 Mar 66.
 C Company, 5 Apr 66-26 May 66.
- 3d Amphibious Tractor Battalion, A Company (-) (Rein), 28 Jan 66-28 May 66.
- 1st Engineer Battalion
 A Co (-) (Rein), 18 Jan 66-28 Mar 66.
 C Co (-) (Rein), 5 Apr 66-27 May 66.
- 1st Shore Party Battalion
 A Company (-) (Rein), 1 May 65-30 Mar 66.
 C Company (-) (Rein), 1 Mar 65-30 Mar 66.
- 1st Medical Battalion, C Company (Rein),
 14 Aug 65-28 Mar 66.
- 7th Engineer Battalion (less Company C),
 22 Aug 65-31 Mar 66.
- 1st Bridge Company, 22 Aug 65-31 Mar 66.
- *26th Marines (Reinforced), 20 Jan 68-1 Apr 68
 --Vietnam.
 Consisting of:
 Headquarters Company, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
 1st Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
 2d Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
 3d Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Attached and supporting units:
 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (less Company C)
 22 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 23
 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- 1st Battalion, 13th Marines, 20 Jan-31 Mar
 68.
- 1st Prov, 155mm Howitzer Btry, 20 Jan-
 31 Mar 68.
- 2d Prov, 155mm Howitzer Btry, 20 Jan-
 31 Mar 68.
- Det, 1st Searchlight Btry, 12th Marines, 20
 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, 3d Engineer Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar
 68.
- Company B, Reconnaissance Battalion, 20
 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- 3d Platoon, Company D, 3d Reconnaissance
 Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- 1st Platoon, Company A, 5th Reconnaissance
 Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Company A (-), 3d Anti-Tank Bn, Re-
 designated AT Co), (-), 3d Tank Bn,
 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, H&S Company, 3d Shore Party Bat-
 talion, 24 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- 2d Clearing Platoon, Company C, 3d Medi-
 cal Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Otter Platoon, H&S Company, 3d Motor
 Transport Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, Company B, 9th Motor Transport Bat-
 talion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, Company A, 9th Motor Transport Bat-
 talion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, SU #1, 1st Radio Battalion, 20 Jan-
 31 Mar 68.
- Det, 3d Dental Company, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Company A, 3d Shore Party Battalion, 24
 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, Headquarters Company, Headquarters
 Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Postal,
 Photo, Exchange, ISO, AO'S, Staff Aug-
 ment), 20 Jun-31 Mar 67.
- Combined Action Company O, 3d Combined
 Action Group, III MAF, 20 Jan-31 Mar
 68.
- Det, Comm Co, Headquarters Battalion, 3d
 Marine Division, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, 5th Comm Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, 7th Comm Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det, Force Logistics Command, 20 Jan-31
 Mar 68.
- Sub-Team #1, 17th Interrogator Translator
 Team, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Company B, 3d Tank Battalion, 3d Marine
 Division, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.
- Det "O1", Headquarters and Maintenance
 Squadron, Marine Aircraft Group 16, 20
 Jan-14 Mar 68.
- Det "O1", Marine Observation Squadron, Ma-
 rine Aircraft Group 16, 15 Mar-31 Mar 68.
- Det "2", Marine Air Support Squadron 3,
 Marine Air Control Group 18, 20 Jan-
 31 Mar 68.
- Det, B, Air Support Radar Team, Marine
 Air Support Squadron 3, Marine Air Con-
 trol Group 18, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Group III.—Marine Units and Squadrons and Dates

Det, Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 36, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det, Marine Air Base Squadron 36, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det, Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 62, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

U.S. Navy:

Det B, Construction Battalion Mobile Unit 301, 20 Jan-11 Feb 68.

Det, Mobile Construction Bn 10, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det, Mobile Construction Battalion 53, 20 Jan-13 Feb 68.

Det, Mobile Construction Battalion 5, 20 Jan-24 Jan 68.

U.S. Army:

Det, A-101, 5th Special Force Group, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det, 44th Artillery, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det, 65th Artillery, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det, 238th Counter-Mortar Radar Unit, 108th Field Artillery Group, 22 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det, 1st Platoon (Smoke), 25th Chemical Company, 9 Feb-31 Mar 68.

544th Signal Det, 37th Signal Battalion, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

U.S. Air Force:

Det, (Operating Location AJ), 15th Aerial Port Squadron, 20 Jan-3 Mar 68.

Det, 366th Transport Sq, 366th Combat Support, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det, 903d Aero Med, Evac Sqdn, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Det A, 834th Air Division, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

U.S. Marine Corps, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 362.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364.

Marine Observation Squadron 3.

Marine Observation Squadron 6.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 363.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 164.

U.S. Air Force, 20 Jan-31 Mar 68.

309th Air Commando Squadron, 315th Air Commando Wing.

310th Air Commando Squadron, 315th Air Commando Wing.

311th Air Commando Squadron, 315th Air Commando Wing.

319th Air Commando Squadron, 315th Air Commando Wing.

535th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 483d Tactical Airlift Wing.

536th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 483d Tactical Airlift Wing.

457th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 483d Tactical Airlift Wing.

458th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 483d Tactical Airlift Wing.

537th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 483d Tactical Airlift Wing.

459th Tactical Airlift Squadron, 483d Tactical Airlift Wing.