



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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

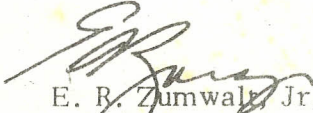
U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION, CAM RANH BAY  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service from 31 May 1968 to 1 December 1971 in providing widely varied communications services in direct support to units of the United States SEVENTH Fleet and in-country components of the Free World Military Assistance Forces engaged in armed conflict in the Republic of Vietnam, and for significant contributions in the achievement of objectives of the United States National Policy of Vietnamization within its sphere of responsibility. Particularly significant was the Command and Control communications support provided to Commander Task Force 115 which culminated in the detection, surveillance and eventual destruction of two North Vietnamese infiltration trawlers in November 1970 and April 1971, depriving the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces of critically needed weapons and ammunition. In support of the National Policy on Vietnamization, the U. S. Naval Communication Station, Cam Ranh Bay developed and implemented plans for reconfiguration of the communication station to provide a viable communication center which will eventually be turned over to the Vietnamese Navy. All phases of reconfiguration were attained and all challenges met and overcome due to the ingenuity, versatility, and dynamic aggressiveness of station personnel. Their superlative performance of duty and determination in the face of adversity reflected great credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Service.

For the Secretary,

  
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Admiral, United States Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations