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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Manpower Center
Bainbridge, Maryland 21905

To: LT(jg) Ray Lewis BALLEW, USNR-R

Subj: Meritorious Unit Commendation; forwarding of

1. Forwarded with congratulations.

2. A copy of this award has been filed in your service record maintained by this command.

Copy to:

Chief of Naval Personnel (Pers-E221

SND-NRMC 1070/21 (Rev. 10-70)
From: Chief of Naval Personnel  
To: LTJG Ray L. BALLEW, USNR-R  
Via: Commanding Officer  
      Naval Reserve Manpower Center  
      Bainbridge, Maryland 21905

Subj: Meritorious Unit Commendation; forwarding of

Encl: (1) Facsimile of Citation  
       (2) MUC Ribbon Bar

1. The Secretary of the Navy has awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation to TASK GROUP 115.1 for the period(s) indicated in the enclosed citation.

2. The Chief of Naval Personnel takes pleasure in forwarding enclosures (1) and (2) for which you are eligible by virtue of your service during the period(s) cited.

K. C. WALTER
By direction
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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

TASK GROUP 115.1
(Units Participating in Operation SEA TIGER)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service from 1 November 1968 to 20 January 1970 while engaged in combat operations against enemy forces and while serving in direct support of Free World Assistance Forces in Quang Nam and Quang Tin Provinces of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period, SEA TIGER forces successfully carried out their assigned mission of opening the Hoi An/Cua Dai River Basin to civilian waterborne commerce and in neutralizing the threat of Viet Cong taxation and domination. The success of this bold operation was achieved mainly through the professionalism and courage under fire of the personnel of SEA TIGER forces. They opened the Cua Dai area to an extent never before thought possible, and denied the river basin to the enemy as a route of supply and as a line of communication. In addition to their superb performance in opening the waterways, SEA TIGER forces greatly assisted Free World Assistance Forces ashore in the area to the point of preventing some units from being overrun. Coordination with various land units led to combined operations which were recognized on the highest levels as uniquely successful both in planning and execution. By their courageous and professional performance of duty in the face of determined opposition, the officers and men of the SEA TIGER operating forces contributed substantially to United States efforts in Southeast Asia and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

John H. Chafee
Secretary of the Navy
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1032/25 SEP 69
PCF ONE ONE FIVE
TO RUMUFGB/PCF NINE NINE
RUMUFGB/PCF EIGHT ONE
RHMCSDG/PCF TWO ZERO
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EMERGENCY EXTRACTION

1. THE RAPID REACTION OF PCF 99 TO THE CALL FOR EMERGENCY MEDB BY THE
31WW SON RF/PCF FORCE AND THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE EXTRACTION
OF THE TROOPS WHILE UNDER HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE IS A TRULY COMMEM-
DERABLE PERFORMANCE.
2. THE ACTIONS OF PCF 22 AND 91 IN IMMEDIATELY COMING TO THE ASSISTANCE
OF PCF 99 AND THE RF/PCF FORCE AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SUPRESSING FIRE
CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE EXTRACTION AND
DEMONSTRATES EXCELLENCE IN COORDINATION.
3. TO ALL CONCERNED MY HEARTIEST WELL DONE/SHANAHN.

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TOR: 25113Z SEP 69/MOB
25113Z SEP 69
From: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam
To: LTJG Ray L. BALLEW, USNR, 741604/1105
Via: Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Florida 32813

Subj: Award of the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device

Ref: (a) COMCOSDIV TWELVE NAVPERS 1650/6 undated (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device
      (2) Award Citation

1. Reference (a) has been approved. Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam takes pleasure in forwarding enclosures (1) and (2) in recognition of your meritorious service in support of combat operations in Southeast Asia.

   Richard E. Johnson
   Assistant Chief of Staff for Administration

Copy to: (w/o encl (1))
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on COMNAVFORV 1tr FF5-16/83:jrb 1650, Ser 83/PD 7445 of 8 May 1970

From: Commanding Officer, Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Florida
To: LTJG Ray L. BALLEW, USNR, 741604/1105

Subj: Award of the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat Distinguishing Device

1. Delivered with congratulations.

S. L. RUSK

Copy to: Service Record
The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Commendation Medal to

RAY L. BALLEW
LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE)
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious service while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from April 1969 to March 1970. While serving as Officer in Charge of an inshore patrol craft in the coastal waters of I Corps Tactical Zone from the Demilitarized Zone to south of Cape Batangan, Lieutenant (junior grade) BALLEW led his craft in over thirty-five combat patrols in the Cua Da and Hoa An river complex in Operation SEA TIGER. His leadership under fire was instrumental in minimizing casualties to his own units while inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He trained a complete Vietnamese crew and prepared his craft for turnover to the Vietnamese Navy. Lieutenant (junior grade) BALLEW's professionalism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy

E. R. ZUMWALT, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam
The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Bronze Star Medal to

RAY LEWIS BALLEG
ENSIGN
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For heroic achievement while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam. On 23 September 1969, Ensign BALLEG was serving as officer in charge of an inshore patrol craft which was requested to conduct an emergency extraction of Vietnamese Regional Force Troops. He skillfully maneuvered his craft to a point on the beach and commenced extraction of the force. Suddenly, enemy forces attacked with heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire from several positions. Rather than abandon the exposed force, he remained beached to complete the extraction. Despite the fact that rounds were striking his craft, he exposed himself to the hostile fire to aid several of the troops on board. His aggressive initiative and coolness under fire were instrumental in effecting the successful extraction. Ensign BALLEG's outstanding performance of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the President

E. R. Zumwalt, Jr.
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam
From: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam
To: ENS Ray L. BALLEW, USNR, 741604/1105
Via: Commander Coastal Division TWELVE, FPO San Francisco 96695

Subj: Award of the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"

Ref: (a) COMCOSDIV 12 NAVPERS 1650/6 of 2 Jan 1970 (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"
(2) Award Citation

1. Reference (a) has been approved. Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam takes pleasure in forwarding enclosures (1) and (2) in recognition of your heroic achievement in support of combat operations in Southeast Asia.

D. E. LOTTON
Assistant Chief of Staff
for Administration

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