



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending

SEABEE TEAM 1104

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while deployed to Dong Xoai, Republic of Vietnam, for construction of a Special Forces camp. On the night of 9 June 1965, when the camp came under attack by an overwhelming Viet Cong force employing mortar, rocket, recoilless rifle, machine gun, and small arms fire, the nine members of Seabee Team 1104 immediately took up assigned defensive positions and, together with Special Forces and Republic of Vietnam forces, coolly and effectively defended the camp throughout the attack. When the north end of the camp was overrun by the enemy, two members of Seabee Team 1104 assisted in carrying a badly wounded Special Forces officer to safety under heavy fire, while two other team members successfully employed escape and evasion tactics to escape the overrunning enemy until the morning of 11 June 1965, when they were evacuated by a relief force. The remainder of the team, located in the west area of the camp, assisted in the defense against an intense enemy attack throughout the night and following morning. Although two of their members were killed and the rest of them wounded during the action, they gallantly persisted in their efforts until they were evacuated by helicopter early in the afternoon of 10 June 1965. Seabee Team 1104, through the fortitude and indomitable fighting spirit of each of its members in the face of overwhelming odds, upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

All personnel attached to and serving with Seabee Team 1104 who participated in the action described above are hereby authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

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Secretary of the Navy