



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20590

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting
the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

U. S. COAST GUARD SECTION OFFICE
YOKOTA AIR BASE, JAPAN

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 1 November 1978 to 31 December 1979 while engaged in the installation, testing, and operation of LORAN-C equipment of the Commando Lion LORAN-C Chain. Without benefit of additional personnel resources, the Office of Commander, Far East Section (FESEC) expertly and efficiently installed new high powered LORAN-C transmitting equipment at LORAN Stations Hokkaido and Gesashi. Due to inadequacies in the commercially supplied power, numerous local modifications to the transmitting equipment were required. The thorough documentation of the modifications provided by FESEC Office will serve as guidelines for similar installations Coast Guard wide. In addition, FESEC Office installed new LORAN-C monitoring equipment at two unmanned sites in Korea, one unmanned site in Japan and a control site at Yokota Air Base. FESEC Office developed the operating guidelines for the Commando Lion Chain, which is the first LORAN-C Chain to ever employ joint U. S. Air Force/Coast Guard personnel and equipment. Due to numerous dissimilarities between the Air Force and Coast Guard Loran-C equipment and operational policies, FESEC Office personnel were required to familiarize themselves with new equipment and techniques without benefit of formal classroom instructions. Throughout this period, FESEC Office continued to provide outstanding operational, engineering and administrative support for all stations in the Northwest Pacific (NWPAC) LORAN-C Chain. Through its efforts, the NWPAC Chain maintained an outstanding record of performance and continued to provide superior navigation and precise timing service in the Far East. The dedication, professionalism and resourcefulness displayed by the personnel of Commander, Far East Section Office reflect great credit upon themselves, their office and the United States Coast Guard."

All personnel attached to and serving at the office of Commander, Far East Section during the above designated period are hereby authorized to wear the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon.

For the Commandant,

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