



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

21 June 1993

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

COAST GUARD FAR EAST SECTION

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from October 1992 to July 1993 for successfully planning, preparing, and executing the turnover of the Northwest Pacific LORAN-C Chain to the Government of Japan. Exercising extraordinary teamwork and attention to detail, personnel from the Far East Section and LORAN-C Stations Gesashi, Hokkaido, Iwo Jima, Marcus Island, and Barrigada operated the 9970 LORAN-C chain at a very high level of readiness. At the same time these personnel improved the materiel condition of the LORAN Stations and facilities; performed administrative and accounting functions in preparation for Station decommissioning; and processed a myriad of details involved with transferring operations, material, property, and a complete communications network to the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency. These efforts brought to a close 50 years of continuous Coast Guard Radio Navigation Service in the Far East. These personnel cooperated with the Republic of Korea to reconfigure the East Asian LORAN-C chain to full monitor and control by the Korean Maritime Port Administration well in advance of turnover of the Yokota control site to Japan. Throughout the period everyone from the LORAN Stations fully employed Total Quality Management techniques to achieve smooth information flow and a focused effort in the LORAN program. This effort resulted in a savings of over \$10 million for the American taxpayer while providing the Japanese people with continuous reliable LORAN service. The dedication and teamwork of personnel assigned to the Far East Section and LORAN-C Stations Gesashi, Hokkaido, Iwo Jima, Marcus Island, and Barrigada reflect credit upon themselves, the Section Office, and the United States Coast Guard.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. B. Gehring", written over a horizontal line.

H. B. GEHRING
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard
Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District