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Boss,

It was great talking to you yesterday!

I'm enclosing the paper-work on LT CYRUS. As you can see both Roy Faulk and I recommended ^{him} for the silver star. Somewhere it fell thru the crack on its way to Saigon. Long An Province was a tough area and the heroic SEALs did a great job for us there. I sure hope you can get this back in the system so this deserving young man can

get his long overdue official
recognition.

Cynthia joins me in
sending our very best to
you and your family — and
Elmo is in our prayers.

Sincerely and Very
Respectfully,
Jenny

INSTRUCTIONS

Originating command fill in all information available. Fleet Commanders in Chief. If not in the operating forces forward via the administrative chain of command. If in the operating forces, forward to approving authority with copies to intermediate echelons as directed by

11. DESIGNATE/NOY/TYPE: _____
 12. EXP. OF ACTIVE DUTY: 8 July 1974

13. EST. DETACHMENT DATE: 10 December 1969

14. NEW DUTY STATION: _____
 15. UNIT AT TIME OF ACTION/SERVICE: SEAL Detachment ALFA

16A. DUTY ASSIGNMENT: SEAL Operator

16. PREVIOUS PERSONAL AWARDS: Navy Commendation Medal (August 1968)
 Purple Heart (March 1968)

17. PERSONAL AWARDS RECOMMENDED - NO. YET APPROVED: None

18. OTHER PERSONNEL BEING RECOMMENDED FOR SAME: _____

6A. COMBAT "V"
 YES NO

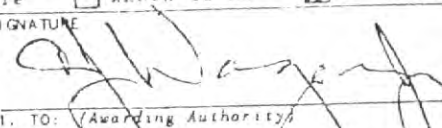
19. TYPE OF AWARD OF THIS MEDAL: First

20. ACTION DATE/MERITORIOUS PERIOD: 5 September 1969

21. PLACE OF ACTION/SERVICE: Long An Province, Republic of Vietnam

22. I certify that the facts contained in the summary of action are known to me a matter of record.

23. NAME, GRADE, TITLE OF ORIGINATOR: C. J. WAGES, JR.
 Commander RSSZ River Patrol Group

SIGNATURE: 

24. FROM: Commander RSSZ River Patrol Group
 FPO San Francisco 96621

21. TO: (Awarding Authority)
 Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam
 FPO San Francisco 96626

25. FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS BY VIA ADDRESSEE(S). ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS ONLY AS NECESSARY.

COMMAND (To be completed by originator)	RECOMMENDED AWARD	COMBAT "V"	SIGNATURE, GRADE	DATE
Commander River Patrol Flotilla 5 FPO San Francisco 96627	Silver Star Medal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	J. CAMPBELL Deputy Commander	15 NOV 1969
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

26. TO BE COMPLETED BY AWARDING AUTHORITY:

DISPOSITION OF BASIC RECOMMENDATION	COMBAT "V"	EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM RECOMMENDED	SIGNATURE, GRADE, TITLE	DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

27. COPIES TO: COMPHIBPAC

28. ENCLOSURE ATTACHED: _____

Petty Officer Cyrus was a member of a six man Seal Combat ~~SQUAD~~^{SQUAD} on 5 September 1969 in Long An Province, Republic of Vietnam. The ~~SQUAD'S~~^{SQUAD'S} mission was to locate and ambush a meeting place of Vietcong district level cadre. After inserting by helicopter into the suspected area, the ~~SQUAD~~^{SQUAD} split into two teams and moved near the enemy meeting site and concealed themselves. Petty Officer Cy. fire team detected enemy entering the designated nippa palm area and as two of the Seals in his squad started crawling towards the position, they were taken under heavy automatic weapons fire by six Vietcong from two firing positions. Petty Officer Cyrus immediately came to his feet and ran towards the enemy position delivering several barrages of accurate machine gun fire while simultaneously scrambling Navy Helicopter gunships. He again exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to rejoin the two men that were initially pinned down. While running to rejoin the two men, Petty Officer Cyrus received a grazing wound to his left cheek as a result of enemy machine gun fire. Through his coolness and heroic conduct while under fire, Petty Officer Cyrus prevented the loss of life of the two members of his squad, contributing directly to the safety of the other Seals involved and to the success of the mission.

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DATE:

From: SECNAV (NDBDM)
To: CHNAVPERS (PERS G-25) CMC (CODE DL)
1. Reviewed and recorded. Forwarded for appropriate action.
2. Extraordinary heroism recommended yes no.

U.S. GOVERNMENT

5-314-7

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

Richard E. Cyrus

Boatswain's Mate Second Class

United States Navy

for service as set forth in the following

PROPOSED CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism 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 5 September 1969, Petty Officer Cyrus was a member of a six man United States Navy Seal ~~Patrol~~ ^{SQUAD} on a mission to locate a meeting place of Viet Cong district level cadre in Long An Province. After a helicopter inserted the ~~Patrol~~ ^{SQUAD} near the suspected enemy meeting site, the Squad split into two ~~3-man~~ ^{3-MAN} teams and concealed themselves in the surrounding area. At that time ~~the patrol and another~~ ^{FOUR TEAM} members ~~of his team~~ started to crawl towards the suspected Viet Cong meeting place while Petty Officer Cyrus remained concealed to provide cover. Suddenly, ~~the two~~ ^{TEAM MEMBERS} came under heavy automatic weapons fire from two enemy positions. Petty Officer Cyrus immediately came to his feet and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, ran towards the enemy position delivering several barrages of accurate machine gun fire, while simultaneously radioing for United States Navy helicopter gunship support. Although wounded, he again exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to rejoin ~~his~~ ^{HIS} two men and maintain devastating fire into the enemy emplacements, suppressing the enemy fire. Through his daring actions, and resolute fighting spirit, Petty Officer Cyrus was directly responsible for preventing the loss of his entire squad ~~;~~; thereby reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service."

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