



COMMANDING OFFICER
MOBILE DIVING AND SALVAGE UNIT ONE

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CAPT J. Wages, USN (Ret)

New Orleans, LA 70114

Dear Captain Wages,

I'd like to take a brief moment to introduce myself as Lieutenant Richard Cyrus. Prior to my being commissioned, I served eleven years as a member of Seal Team TWO based in Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia.

It is concerning an incident that occurred while in Seal Team TWO serving in Vietnam, that I am writing this letter. The date of the specific incident occurred on the fifth of September 1969. While serving with the 9th Plt stationed in Na Be, I was directly involved in a conflict in Long An Province. For my part in this evolution, I was recommended for a Silver Star Medal by the Assistant Officer in Charge, CWO2 Herb Ruth. Within a few months following the incident, he gave me a copy of the award recommendation; which I have enclosed. After returning to Little Creek, I was picked up by another Platoon and returned to Vietnam. Up until several months ago, I had forgotten about the award. I've always known I was supposed to get one, but I couldn't remember from who and for what. I came across the recommendation in some of my older files and this began a personal campaign of long distance phone calls and some correspondence, including this letter to you. Unfortunately, I was unable to contact CWO2 Ruth since he is now deceased. I did contact some friends who are still with Seal Team TWO who gave me CDR Doug Ellis' address in Virginia Beach. CDR Ellis was the 9th Platoon Officer in Charge in 1969 and is now a Reserve 1130. He, CDR Ellis, suggested that I talk with the SPECWARGRU TWO OPS Boss, LT Dave Weast. After conferring with LT Weast, He advised me to get in touch with the awards section in D.C. to see whether or not I was listed as receiving the

Silver Star Medal. I was not listed as such. I once again talked with CDR Ellis who thought perhaps you may be able to help solve my dilemma. Thus far, I have hit a dead end. Although LT Weast said he would work on it, I'm not sure of how much he can do. At present, I haven't the slightest notion of what could have become of my citation and recommendation following it being signed off by Deputy Commander, J. Campbell.

Sir, I would be extremely grateful to you if you would put the finishing touches on this award that I would very much like to receive.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter and for any assistance you may render.

If you wish to contact me for an reason, my number is:

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Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R E Cyrus".

Richard E. Cyrus