

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Navy
Commendation Medal to

ALLEN CLARK LOBEAN
GUNNER'S MATE G SEAMAN
UNITED STATES NAVY

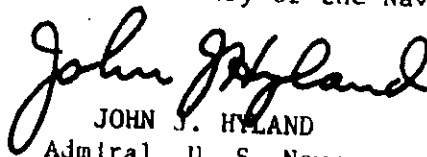
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For meritorious achievement while serving as a gunner on PCF-15 during an armed engagement with enemy forces on the Troung Giang River in the Republic of Vietnam on 9 April 1967. PCF-15 was acting as a blocking force for a sweep by U. S. Marines when a group of Viet Cong were observed moving up to attack a Marine platoon a quarter of a mile away. When PCF-15 closed the shoreline, the enemy opened fire with automatic weapons and small arms. Seaman LOBEAN, as forward gunner, immediately returned the fire with devastating accuracy, completely silencing the enemy positions. A Marine reconnaissance patrol searching the area after the engagement discovered eight enemy killed, three wounded and an assortment of abandoned weapons. Seaman LOBEAN's exceptional performance contributed significantly to aborting a surprise attack on a friendly unit and to routing the enemy force. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Seaman LOBEAN is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy



JOHN J. HYLAND

Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

*to more less show I am who I claim to be.
-Allen*