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13 March 2007

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Tim Butz
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Dear Mr. Butz,

This is in response for your request received 12 March 2007 (RSA Number: 47818) concerning the citations of the Presidential Unit Awards and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with Combat "V" Device, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Unit Award for the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. Since your request was made under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, it has been designated 07-048.

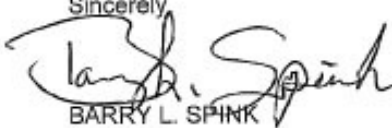
Our repository is composed of official unit histories. Unfortunately, we only have what the unit historian sent to us at the time the historian submitted their history. In this case, all that I could find was the citation for the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) for the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron's parent unit (the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing) for the 18 February 1966 through 30 June 1967 time frame. The 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron did not join the 460th Wing until 9 September 1966, therefore, they only shared this particular PUC for the 9 September 1966 through 30 June 1967 period. Subsequent awards of the PUC were not even mentioned in either the official histories of the 460th Wing or the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. The 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron transferred to the 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing on 1 September 1971, after the 460th Wing inactivated on 31 August 1971; therefore the squadron did not receive copies of any award citations bestowed upon the 460th Wing for its accomplishments prior to 1 September 1971. I have enclosed all of the orders for each of the awards you requested, but I could not find any citations for them. Either the local unit did not receive a copy to be submitted along with their history, or, the unit had already been inactivated and therefore did not submit any histories that would have included the citation at the time of the order. For instance, the 460th Wing's order for its PUC for the 1 February through 31 March 1971 was not published until 10 April 1972, almost seven months after the 460th Wing had been inactivated.

If you interpret this "no records" response as an adverse action, you may appeal this decision, and write to the Secretary of the Air Force within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. You need to include in the appeal your reasons for reconsideration, attach a copy of this letter, and address your letter as follows:

Secretary of the Air Force
THRU: HQ AFHRA/RSA
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Thank you for your request.

Sincerely



BARRY L. SPINK
Archivist

Attachments:

1. PUC Citation (460TRW, 18 Feb 66-30 Jun 67)
2. DAF SO GB-36, 23 Jan 69, PUC for 18 Feb 66-30 Jun 67
3. DAF SO GB-124, 18 Feb 70, PUC for 1 Sep 67-10 Jul 68
4. DAF SO GB-804, 5 Oct 70, PUC for 11 Jul 68-31 Aug 69
5. DAF SO GB-815, 20 Dec 72, PUC for 1 Feb-31 Mar 71
6. DAF SO GB-445, 20 Dec 67, AFOUA w/V, 1 Jul 66-30 Jun 67
7. DAF SO GB-571, 1 Nov 68, AFOUA w/V, 1 Jul 67-30 Jun 68
8. DAF SO GB-111, 24 Feb 71, AFOUA w/V, 1 Jul 69-30 Jun 70
9. DAF SO GB-185, 10 Apr 72, AFOUA w/V, 1 Apr 70-21 Oct 71
10. DAF SO GB-317, 14 May 75, Rep of VN Gallantry Cross w/ Palm



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SPECIAL ORDER
GB-36

23 January 1969

1. By direction of the President, each of the following is awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

- COL ERNEST R MANIERRE, FR2040, 31 Oct 63 to 31 Dec 68
- COL HERBERT ROSENTHAL, FR7484, 5 Jun 65 to 20 Jul 67

2. Headquarters, ^{HQ}460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wg (PACAF), is awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary gallantry in connection with military operations from 18 Feb 66 to 30 Jun 67. The following units share in the award for the same period unless otherwise indicated:

- 12th Tac Recon Sq ✓
- 16th Tac Recon Sq ✓
- 360th Tac Electronic Warfare Sq ✓
- 361st Tac Electronic Warfare Sq ✓
- 362nd Tac Electronic Warfare Sq ✓
- 460th Armament & Electronic Maint Sq ✓
- 13th Recon Tech Sq (18 Feb 66 to 12 Oct 66) ✓
- 460th Field Maint Sq ✓
- 1st Military Intelligence Battalion, Air Reconnaissance Support, USA ✓

3. Task Force Alpha is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from 25 Apr 68 to 1 Jun 68. The following predecessor units are entitled to the award for the periods indicated:

- OL 1, 6250th Support Sq (1 Oct 67 to 31 Oct 67) ✓
- OL 7A, 13th AF (30 Nov 67 to 24 Apr 68) ✓

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additions by DAF SO-GB-161, 27 Mar 1969
Posted 1 Apr 1969

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SPECIAL ORDER
GB-124

18 February 1970

By direction of the President, the ^{HQ}460TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING [✓]
(PACAF), is awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary
gallantry in connection with military operations from 1 Sep 67 to
10 Jul 68. The following units share in the award for the same period:

- 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq ✓
- 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq ✓
- 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq ✓
- 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq ✓
- 362d Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq ✓
- 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq ✓
- 460th Reconnaissance Technical Sq ✓
- 460th Avionics Maintenance Sq ✓
- 460th Field Maintenance Sq ✓
- 6994th Security Sq (USAFSS) ✓

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SPECIAL ORDER
GB-804

5 October 1970

By direction of the President, ^{HQ} the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (PACAF), is awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary gallantry in connection with military operations from 11 Jul 68 to 31 Aug 69. The following units share in the award for the same period.

- 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron ✓
- 16th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron ✓
- 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron ✓
- 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron ✓
- 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron ✓
- 362nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron ✓
- 460th Reconnaissance Squadron Technical Squadron ✓
- 460th Avionics Maintenance Squadron ✓
- 460th Field Maintenance Squadron ✓
- 460th Headquarters Squadron Section ✓
- Det 1, 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing ✓
- Det 2, 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing ✓
- 6994th Security Squadron ✓

(as amended by
DAF SOG 862-29
Oct 1970)

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SPECIAL ORDER
GB-815

20 December 1972

By direction of the President, the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Pacific Air Forces, is awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary gallantry in connection with military operations from 1 February 1971 to 31 March 1971. The following units share in the award for the same period:

- 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq
- 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq
- 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq
- 362d Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq
- 460th Avionics Maintenance Sq
- 460th Field Maintenance Sq

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SPECIAL ORDER
GB-445

20 December 1967

1. Each of the following units is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations during the period indicated:

12th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq (PACAF) - 1 Jul 66 to 30 Jun 67)
16th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq (PACAF) - 1 Jul 66 to 30 Jun 67)
20th Helicopter Sq (PACAF) - 1 Nov 66 to 1 Apr 67
45th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq (PACAF) - 1 Jan 66 to 30 May 67)
57th Fighter Interceptor Sq (ADC) - 1 Apr 66 to 31 May 67
441st Field Maintenance Sq (PACAF) - 1 Jul 65 to 30 Apr 67
Det 10, 1131st USAF Special Activities Sq (Hq Comd USAF) - 1 Jul 65
to 30 Jun 67

2. The 743rd Aircraft Control & Warning Sq (AAC) is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from 1 Sep 66 to 31 Aug 67. The unit listed below share in the award for the same period:

Det 1, 1930th Communications Sq (AFCS)

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SPECIAL ORDER
GB-571

1 November 1968

1. Each of the following units is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations during the period indicated:

12th Tac Recon Sq (PACAF), 1 Jul 67 to 30 Jun 68
819th Civil Engineering Sq (PACAF), 1 Aug 67 to 31 Jul 68
~~828th Civil Engineering Sq (PACAF), 21 Jun 67 to 30 Jun 68~~

2. Each of the following units is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement in support of military operations during the period indicated:

4th Air Commando Sq (PACAF), 16 Jun 67 to 15 Jun 68
~~554th Civil Engineering Sq (PACAF), 15 Jan 68 to 30 Jun 68~~

3. The 483rd Tactical Airlift Wg (PACAF), is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement in support of military operations from 1 May 67 to 30 Apr 68. The following units share in the award:

483rd Consol Acft Maint Sq	535th Tac Alft Sq
457th Tac Alft Sq	536th Tac Alft Sq
458th Tac Alft Sq	537th Tac Alft Sq
459th Tac Alft Sq	

4. The 632nd Combat Support Gp (PACAF), is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from 1 Jan 68 to 30 Jun 68. The following units share in the award:

632nd Supply Sq	632nd USAF Dispensary
632nd Security Police Sq	

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SPECIAL ORDER
GB- 111

24 February 1971

The 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wg (PACAF), is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Combat "V" Device), for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from 1 Jul 69 to 30 Jun 70. The following units share in the award for the same period unless as otherwise indicated:

✓ 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq
16th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq (1 Jul 69 to 15 Mar 70)
361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq
362d Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq
460th Avionics Maintenance Sq
460th Field Maintenance Sq
460th Reconnaissance Technical Sq (1 Jul 69 to 31 Mar 70)
460th Headquarters Squadron Section
Detachment 1, 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq
Detachment 1, 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wg
Detachment 2, 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wg (1 Jul 69 to 31 May 70)

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SPECIAL ORDER
GB- 185

10 Apr 1972

The 12th Tactical Fighter Wing (PACAF) is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Combat "V" Device) for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from 1 April 1970 to 21 October 1971. The following units share in the award for the same period:

12th Avionics Maintenance Sq
12th Civil Engineering Sq
12th Combat Support Group
12th Field Maintenance Sq
12th Security Police Sq
12th Services Sq
12th Transportation Sq
12th USAF Dispensary
389th Tactical Fighter Sq
412th Munitions Maintenance Sq
480th Tactical Fighter Sq

2. The 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (PACAF) is awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Combat "V" Device) for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from 1 July 1970 to 30 June 1971. The following units share in the award for the same period unless otherwise indicated:

Detachment 1, 45th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq,
1 Jul 70 - 31 Dec 70
12th Tactical Reconnaissance Sq
360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq
361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq
362d Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq
460th Avionics Maintenance Sq
460th Field Maintenance Sq

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14 May 1975

THE AWARD OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS WITH PALM FOR
EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS
IS CONFIRMED FOR THE FOLLOWING UNITS DURING THE PERIODS INDICATED:

	FROM	TO
12 RECON INTEL COMMAND MOBILE SQ	1 MAY 70	28 JAN 73
12 RECON INTEL TECHNICAL SQ	16 FEB 68	28 JAN 73
12 RECONNAISSANCE TECHNICAL SQ	22 JAN 68	15 FEB 68
12 SECURITY POLICE SQ	15 MAY 67	17 NOV 71
12 SERVICES SQ	1 APR 66	17 NOV 71
12 SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQ	1 MAY 68	31 JUL 70
12 SUPPLY SQ	1 APR 66	17 NOV 71
12 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQ	1 APR 66	30 JUN 70
HQ 12 TACTICAL FIGHTER WG	1 APR 66	17 NOV 71
12 TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQ	6 SEP 66	18 AUG 71
12 TRANSPORTATION SQ	1 APR 66	17 NOV 71
12 USAF HOSPITAL	1 APR 66	17 NOV 71
13 BOMBARDMENT SQ	1 JUL 70	24 DEC 72
13 RECONNAISSANCE SQ	29 JUN 66	8 MAR 67
13 RECONNAISSANCE TECHNICAL SQ	1 APR 66	31 MAR 68
13 TACTICAL BOMBARDMENT SQ	1 APR 66	9 FEB 67
13 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQ	15 MAY 66	28 JAN 73
14 AERIAL PORT SQ	29 JUN 66	30 APR 72
14 AIR COMMANDO SQ	25 OCT 67	1 MAY 68
HQ 14 AIR COMMANDO WG	1 APR 66	1 AUG 68
14 AIR POLICE SQ	8 APR 66	14 MAY 67
14 ARMAMENT AND ELECTRONICS MAINTENANCE SQ	9 MAR 67	31 MAR 68
14 AVIONICS FIELD MAINTENANCE SQ	29 JUN 66	8 MAR 67
14 CIVIL ENGINEERING SQ	8 APR 66	15 OCT 69
HQ 14 COMBAT SUPPORT GP	8 APR 66	15 OCT 69
14 FIELD MAINTENANCE SQ	8 APR 66	30 SEP 71
14 MILITARY AIRLIFT SQ	1 APR 66	28 JAN 73
14 MUNITIONS MAINTENANCE SQ	8 APR 66	15 MAY 67

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