



By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

**THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM
TO**

**PROVISIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON, 11TH AIRBORNE DIVISION
COMPANY B, 511TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT,
672D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION**

For outstanding performance of duty in action at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 23 February 1945. The Provisional Reconnaissance Platoon, 11th Airborne Division; Company B, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment; and the 672d Amphibian Tractor Battalion demonstrated exceptional courage, resourcefulness and determination in skillfully undertaking a coordinated thrust 25 miles behind enemy lines, which made possible the liberation of 2,147 Allied civilians and prisoners of war interned at Los Banos Internment Camp, Los Banos. Company B landed by parachute near the camp and joined the Provisional Reconnaissance Platoon, which had previously infiltrated to within a few yards of the objective in order to silently kill the sentries and join the attack at the proper time. A rescue party traveling by "Amtracs" across Lunga De Bay landed on the shore opposite the camp at the moment the assault began. At 0700, paratroopers and ground elements initiated an attack which quickly overwhelmed the Japanese guards and made possible the swift embarkation of the internees on the "Amtracs." By their brilliant execution of a most difficult and hazardous mission, the Provisional Reconnaissance Platoon, 11th Airborne Division; Company B, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment; and the 672d Amphibian Tractor Battalion made the outstanding contribution to the operation which resulted in the liberation of the Los Banos internees.





DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HAS AWARDED THE
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
TO THE

672D AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION



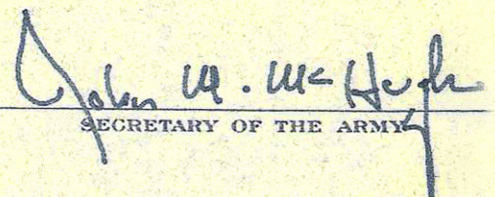
FOR
EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM IN MILITARY
OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED ENEMY.

23 FEBRUARY 1945

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 29TH DAY OF JULY 2011




SECRETARY OF THE ARMY