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Officer-in-Charge, PCF

Bronze Star Medal

J. H. LAMBERT, EOD, 284, 19 67, EOD Bronze Star Medal

On 13 March 1969, USN THIRLAM was serving as Officer-in-Charge of PCF-51, conducting a five boat Sea Lords operation on the Bay Dap River and Dong Cong canal together with ground units. After sweeping the area for five hours, the boats extracted the ground troops and began exiting the river. Shortly after starting their exit, a mine detonated under one of the boats (PCF-3), lifting it two feet above the water and wounding everyone aboard. At the same time, all the boats came under small arms and automatic weapons fire from the river banks. USN THIRLAM immediately directed PCF-51 to assist PCF-3, where the crew bailed and the stricken boat. Finding the entire crew either wounded or killed, USN THIRLAM began administering first aid, as PCF-51 backed off and provided cover fire. While administering first aid to the forward gunner, USN THIRLAM was knocked overboard when PCF-3 ran aground out of control. Frightening a three to four knot current, USN THIRLAM managed to stay afloat with PCF-51 running too his aid to pull him aboard. Once astray, a3-E, flung and out of breath, USN THIRLAM, after radiating for HMCV and reporting the seriousness of PCF-51 casualties, returned aboard PCF-3.
and again administered first aid. After making the wounded comfortable, he then began damage control procedures on the boat. With the aid of one of the crew members who had recovered enough to assist, UKE TRUMAN was able to control the flooding until other boats came alongside to assist. UKE TRUMAN remained aboard the struck-off boat until the “Kite” safely cleared the river and arrived at the support ships. All of these actions by UKE TRUMAN took place under constant enemy small arms fire which UKE TRUMAN completely ignored in providing immediate assistance to the boat and crew.

Date 1 April 1969

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