

INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**NAME:**

ROBERT SWAN MUELLER III

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S):

U.S. Marine Corps Service Number 2317837 / 0105600

DATES OF SERVICE:

August 30, 1966 - November 24, 1972

Reinstated: April 9, 1975 - June 18, 1980

DUTY STATUS:

Discharged

RANK/GRADE:

Captain

SALARY:

N/A

SOURCE OF COMMISSION:**PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER:****ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS:**

See Attachments

MILITARY EDUCATION:

See Attachments

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS:

See Attachments

TRANSCRIPT OF COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL:

N/A

PHOTOGRAPH:

See Attachments

PLACE OF ENTRY:

Philadelphia, PA 1966

PLACE OF SEPARATION:

Department of the Navy, Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 1980

FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY**PLACE OF BIRTH**

New York, NY

DATE OF DEATH

N/A

LOCATION OF DEATH

N/A

PLACE OF BURIAL

N/A

NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records



MUELLER, Robert Swan III

[REDACTED]
26. July 74

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

PERIOD		UNIT OR ORGANIZATION	PRIMARY DUTIES	ADDITIONAL DUTIES
FROM	TO			
30Aug66	19Nov67	USMCR	INACTIVE	
20Nov67	01Feb68	OCS, MCB, Quantico, Va.	OC	PEC
02Feb68	15Jul68	OCS, MCB, Quantico, Va.	Awtg Asg	2nd Lt.
12NOV68	590501	H CO 2/4, 3dMarDiv FMF	FIC. CMD. 0302	(6 MOS)
690502	690512	CoF, 2dBn, 4thMar, 3dMarDiv	Co ExO	
690513	690516	H&SCo, 2dBn, 4thMar, 3dMarDiv (Rein) FMF	Co ExO	OIC VCB BnPostalO
6905167	691101	HqCo HqBn 3dMarDiv (Rein), FMF	Aide-de-Camp for MajGen W. K. JONES (6mos)	
691209		GdCo, HqBn, 1DMG, HendH, Arl., Va.	CompanyOff	
691209	700827	GdCo, HqBn, HQMC, HendH, Arl	Co ExecO (6 Mo) GuardO (3 Mos)	Bn CarPlanO (1 Mo.) Mbr MCEXch Council (8 Mos) Mbr Clubs InvBd (8 Mos) BondO (1 Mo.)
29AUG70	24NOV72	MCRF (CI III), KSC, Mo.	ASL	MBR-VTU12-2750409

NAME (Last) **MUELLER,** (First) **Robert** (Middle) **Swan, III** SERVICE NO. **0105600**

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COMBAT HISTORY - EXPEDITIONS

DATE OF ENTRY	DETAILS	DATES		SIGNATURE
		FROM (ON)-	TO-	
	Participated in operations against the insurgent Communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam Quang Tri Province RVN	12NOV68		<i>J. Rogers</i> ByDir
	Participated in Operation Scotland II Quang Tri Province RVN	12NOV68	FEB 28 1969	<i>J. Rogers</i> ByDir
690301 MAR 01 1969	PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION "PURPLE MOUNTAIN" QUANG TRI PROVINCE, RVN.	690301 MAR 01 1969	690422	<i>[Signature]</i> B.DIR
690422	WIA: GSW T&T L/HIP & L/LEG, HOSP 3DMEDBN, QUANG TRI RVN	690422		<i>[Signature]</i> BYDIR
690517	Participated in operation "Merkiner Mountain" in Quang Tri Prov., RVN	690509	690516	<i>[Signature]</i> CO
690520	Participated in Counter Insurgency Operations Quang Tri Province, RVN	690517		<i>[Signature]</i> CO

AWARDS

DESCRIPTION	STARS, DEVICES	DATE APPROVED	APPROVED BY.	DATE MEDAL ISSUED	SIGNATURE
NATDEFSM		25Dec67	[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir
- VSM	*	12NOV68	[Redacted]		<i>J. Rogers</i> ByDir
- VCM	W/DEVICE	690422	[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> BYDIR
CAR		690419	[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> CO
- PH		690428	[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir
BSM	w/"V"	690326	[Redacted]	690637	<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir
- VCG	w/Bronze	690809	[Redacted]	690627	<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir
VSM	w/2*	691101	[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir
* Navy Comm	"V"	690822	[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> CO
CAR		690419	[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> CO
- Ltr of App		700123	[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir
- NCM	2nd Awd	700413	[Redacted]	691102	<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir
- VSM	3*		[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir
- RVN Gallantry Cross	Palm Frame		[Redacted]		<i>[Signature]</i> ByDir

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION



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MUELLER, Robert Swan, III
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MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS, SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION COURSES, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND TESTS COMPLETED

MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES

DATE	PRIMARY MOS	1ST ADD. MOS	2ND ADD. MOS	TITLE OF MOS	AUTHORITY	UNIT DIARY NO.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

TYPE SCHOOL	MAJOR SUBJECT	NO. YEARS	GRADUATE		YEAR LEFT SCHOOL	JOB TITLE
			YES	NO		
GRAMMAR SCHOOL						DUTIES
HIGH SCHOOL						
COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY						
TRADE-BUSINESS						

SERVICE SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES COMPLETED

SCHOOL ATTENDED AND LOCATION	COURSE	NO. WEEKS	YEAR COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	UNIT DIARY NO.
Naval Justice School Newport, RI	Naval Justice Course		76		

ACADEMIC EDUCATION COURSES, TESTS AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES COMPLETED

DATE	TITLE OF COURSE OR TEST	SCHOOL AND LOCATION	CREDIT	GRADE

USAFI GED TESTS

LEVEL	DATE			STANDARD SCORES ON TESTS				
	PASSED	FAILED	INCOMPLETE	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL								
COLLEGE LEVEL								
RETEST- LEVEL								
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SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

REMARKS

MUELLER, Robert Swan III DATE PREPARED
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TRAINING AND TESTS COMPLETED

MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES

DATE	PRIMARY MOS	1ST ADD. MOS	2ND ADD. MOS	TITLE OF MOS	AUTHORITY	UNIT DIARY NO.
02Feb68	9901			Basic Officer	[REDACTED]	
3Jul68	0301			Basic Infantry Officer	[REDACTED]	27May68
690630	0302	0302		Infantry Officer	[REDACTED]	
		9962	9962	Officer Parachutist	[REDACTED]	179-69
750409	4401			StudJA	Appointment Acceptance Record dtd 9Apr75	

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

TYPE SCHOOL	MAJOR SUBJECT	NO. YEARS	GRADUATE		YEAR LEFT SCHOOL	JOB TITLE
			YES	NO		
GRAMMAR SCHOOL		8			1958	NONE DUTIES
HIGH SCHOOL	Academic	4			1962	
COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY	Politics	4			1966	
TRADE-BUSINESS	Juris Doctor Degree				1974	

SERVICE SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES COMPLETED

SCHOOL ATTENDED AND LOCATION	COURSE	NO. WEEKS	YEAR COMPLETED	INCOM. PLETE	UNIT DIARY NO.
OCS, MCB, Quantico, Va.	48th OCC	10	1968		
Fort Benning, Ga. Army Inf Scol	Ranger Course	9	1968		
Army Inf Scol, Fort Benning, Ga.	Airborne Course	3	1968		

ACADEMIC EDUCATION COURSES, TESTS AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES COMPLETED

DATE	TITLE OF COURSE OR TEST	SCHOOL AND LOCATION	CREDIT	GRADE
25 APR 1968	LANG APTITUDE TEST	MCB, QUANTICO		[REDACTED]
Nov67	International Relations	NYU		

USAFI GED TESTS

	DATE			STANDARD SCORES ON TESTS				
	PASSED	FAILED	INCOMPLETE	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL								
COLLEGE LEVEL								
RETEST- LEVEL								
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SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

REMARKS

Basic School BC
Class Standing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
0105600

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DATE PREPARED

SERVICE NO.

02Feb68



*Be it Remembered that upon certification by the Examining Committee
of the State Bar of California and by order of this Court*

ROBERT S. MUELLER, III

*was admitted as an Attorney and Counselor at Law
and has taken and subscribed the oath as required by law and is hereby licensed as
such Attorney and Counselor to practice in all the Courts of the State.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

the official seal this 18th *day of* JUNE *A. D. 19* 74

G. B. Bishel



United States Naval Justice School



This certifies that

CAPTAIN ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

having successfully completed the course in Military Justice and Administrative Matters related thereto prescribed for Reserve Officers on active Duty for Training,

is awarded this

CERTIFICATE

this twenty-third day of July A. D. 1976

(SEAL)

EDWARD M. BYRNE
COMMANDING OFFICER

CLEARED FOR "CERT & MISC" SECTION

SELECTION BOARD *JJY* DGH

Vietnam Service Medal with 4 bronze stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm), Certificate of Commendation (2)

SERVICE DATA

9900-Basic

Marine

24. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES

National Defense Service Medal

25. EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLETED

College - 4 yrs.
OCS, MCB, Quantico, Va.

Politics
18 th OCC

1966
1968

SERVICE DATA

230. SPECIALTY NUMBER & TITLE

0302-Inf Officer

24. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED

National Defense Service Medal Purple Heart Medal Bronze Star Medal (w/"V")
Vietnam Service Medal (w/3*) Navy Commendation Medal (w/1* & "V") Pistol Expert
Vietnam Campaign Medal (device) Ltr of Appreciation Combat Action Ribbon
Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (w/bronze * & palm & frame) Rifle Markmanship Badge

25. EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLETED

High School - 4 - Four Years

College (Politics BA) - 4 - Four Years

Graduate School (Politics) - 2 - Two Years

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL w/Combat V Device

COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL w/Combat V Device and 1 gold star

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL w/4 bronze stars

MARINE CORPS MARKSMAN RIFLE BADGE

MARINE CORPS EXPERT PISTOL BADGE

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL - FOREIGN w/1960 device

REP VIETNAM MUC GALLANTRY CROSS-FOREIGN w/Bronze star

REP VIETNAM MUC CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL- FOREIGN

MARINE CORPS HONORABLE DISCHARGE RIBBON

United States Marine Corps



Certificate of Commendation

THE DIRECTOR, JUDGE ADVOCATE DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

takes pleasure in commending

MOBILIZATION TRAINING UNIT (LAW) CALIFORNIA-15

for

outstanding contribution to the United States Marine Corps during the year 1977. Dedicated to the Marine Corps and to the legal profession, MTU(Law) CA-15 undertook a variety of projects at the request of the Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, as well as the Reserve Establishment. Always willing and prepared to respond quickly to all requests for services, the unit was most responsive to the needs of the Commanding Officer, Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California for assistance in administrative discharge proceedings. The members' unceasing contribution of time, their excellent work product, and the superior leadership of their Commanding Officer were in the highest tradition of the Marine Corps and the Naval Service, and the Unit is accordingly awarded the Colonel William Butler Remey Trophy for 1977.

5 March 1979

Date

James P. King

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Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps

United States Marine Corps

Certificate of Commendation

THE DIRECTOR, JUDGE ADVOCATE DIVISION, HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS

takes pleasure in commending

VOLUNTEER TRAINING UNIT (LAW) 12-2

for

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exceptionally meritorious performance of duties during the year 1975 in providing legal assistance to Marines both Regular and Reserve. By the Unit's devotion to duty and the exemplary leadership of its Commanding Officer, it has rendered invaluable service to the Marine Corps in both legal services and recruiting. Through their efforts as counsel, a Marine was acquitted at trial of committing arson and his case dismissed. The Unit has far exceeded its expectancy in recruiting and has represented the Marine Corps in numerous civic activities and organizations. The legal assistance frequently entailed extensive pleadings and court appearances in behalf of Marines and their dependents. Their devotion, loyalty and professionalism have been in the highest tradition of the United States Marine Corps and the Naval Service.

4 February 1976

Date

John R. DeBarr
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Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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AOLG-glm-1
23 JAN 1970

From: President, Temporary Officer Screening Board
To: First Lieutenant Robert S. MUELLER III, 010 56 00/
0302, United States Marine Corps Reserve
Via: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion,
Headquarters United States Marine Corps, Henderson
Hall, Arlington, Virginia 22214

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. From 15 December 1969 to 16 January 1970 you were assigned as the Assistant Recorder of the Temporary Officer Screening Board convened at Headquarters Marine Corps. Your duties required that you make all preparations for the convening of the board, arranging for suitable facilities for the board, for the drawing from Officer Records Branch over 3,300 temporary officer records, for orderlies, rosters and other administrative necessities, and for security of the records under study by the board.
2. Although understandably unfamiliar with selection board matters and Headquarters Marine Corps organization and given but limited guidance you demonstrated outstanding initiative and exceptionally fine professional competence in rapidly accomplishing a myriad of details so that the board could convene on time.
3. During the deliberations of the board it was your responsibility to apportion to the board members an equivalent work load so that the board could efficiently and expeditiously review and brief the cases submitted to it for consideration. In addition it was your duty to maintain precise records of the proceeding of the board as well as continual changing statistical data employed by the board. Your devotion to duty, long hours of application, cheerful cooperation, interest, enthusiasm, good judgement and sound recommendations regarding procedures were invaluable in the accomplishment of the board's mission. Throughout your assignment as Assistant Recorder you conducted yourself in a highly professional manner and demonstrated a truly impressive growth potential as an officer in the Marine Corps.

AOIG-glm-1
23 JAN 1970

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

4. Your continual productive efforts, initiative and exemplary performance of duty have been deeply appreciated, not only by myself, but by all the members of the board. Without your competent assistance it would not have been possible for the board to expeditiously accomplish its mission.

A. J. POILLON
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps



The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY
COMMENDATION MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT S. MUELLER III

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement while serving as a Platoon Commander with Company H, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On 22 April 1969, a squad-sized patrol from First Lieutenant Mueller's platoon was heavily engaged by a large North Vietnamese Army force in the northern sector of the I Corps Tactical Zone. Completely disregarding his own safety, First Lieutenant Mueller led the remainder of his platoon in an attempt to relieve the beleaguered squad. While approaching the designated area, the platoon came under a heavy volume of enemy fire from its right flank. Skillfully requesting and directing supporting Marine artillery fire on the enemy positions, First Lieutenant Mueller ensured that fire superiority was gained over the hostile unit. Although seriously wounded during the fire fight, he resolutely maintained his position and, ably directing the fire of his platoon, was instrumental in defeating the North Vietnamese Army force. By his courage, aggressive leadership and steadfast devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, First Lieutenant Mueller inspired all who observed him and upheld the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

H. W. BUSE, JR.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

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Second Lieutenant Mueller is authorized to wear the Combat "V"

FOR THE PRESIDENT,

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FILE-FITNESS REPORTS CASE



This is to certify that
Second Lieutenant Robert S. Mueller III 1105600
has completed the course prescribed by the
Commandant of the Marine Corps for
The Basic Course

Basic Class 8-68, 6 February 1968 to 3 July 1968

Given at

Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia

this 3rd day of July, 1968

M. P. Ryan
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps
Deputy for Education

E. D. Haffey
Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
Commanding Officer, The Basic School

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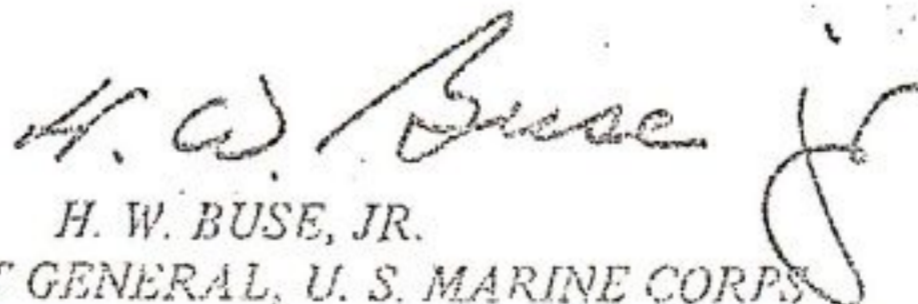
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FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,



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COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC



The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting a gold star in lieu of the second NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL to

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service while serving in various capacities with the Third Marine Division in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam from 17 November 1968 to 5 November 1969. Throughout this period, First Lieutenant Mueller performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Initially assigned as a Platoon Commander with Company H, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, he participated in numerous major combat operations in the Northern I Corps Tactical Zone and repeatedly distinguished himself by his courage and composure under fire as he aggressively maneuvered his platoon into advantageous positions from which to direct offensives against enemy forces. Reassigned as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General on 17 May 1969, First Lieutenant Mueller tirelessly monitored the general's schedule of daily activities and provided maximum assistance in many areas, thereby enabling the commanding general to concentrate his full time and attention to more important matters of command. His diplomatic and congenial manner during frequent contacts with Vietnamese civilian and military officials contributed significantly to the rapport enjoyed by the commanding general and his staff with the local populace and materially enhanced the Marine Corps' image in Quang Tri Province. By his diligence, superb professionalism, and loyal devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Mueller earned the respect of all who served with him and upheld the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

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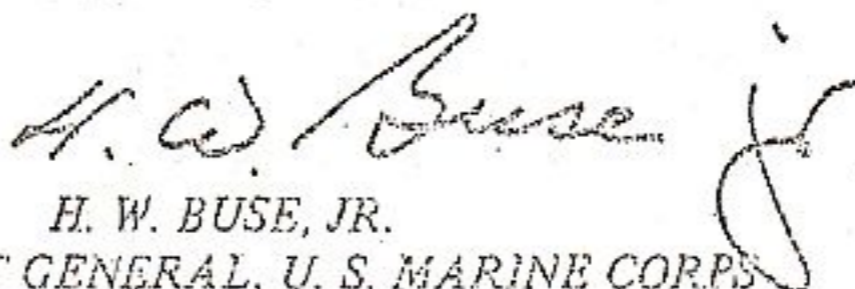
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"For meritorious service while serving in various capacities with the Third Marine Division in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam from 17 November 1968 to 5 November 1969. Throughout this period, First Lieutenant Mueller performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Initially assigned as a Platoon Commander with Company H, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, he participated in numerous major combat operations in the Northern I Corps Tactical Zone and repeatedly distinguished himself by his courage and composure under fire as he aggressively maneuvered his platoon into advantageous positions from which to direct offensives against enemy forces. Reassigned as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General on 17 May 1969, First Lieutenant Mueller tirelessly monitored the general's schedule of daily activities and provided maximum assistance in many areas, thereby enabling the commanding general to concentrate his full time and attention to more important matters of command. His diplomatic and congenial manner during frequent contacts with Vietnamese civilian and military officials contributed significantly to the rapport enjoyed by the commanding general and his staff with the local populace and materially enhanced the Marine Corps' image in Quang Tri Province. By his diligence, superb professionalism, and loyal devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Mueller earned the respect of all who served with him and upheld the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,


H. W. BUSE, JR.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC

For meritorious service in operations against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam while serving in the capacity of Infantry Platoon Commander and subsequently as Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF.

First Lieutenant MUELLER's actions from 17Nov68 to 16May69 as Platoon Commander, 3d Platoon, Company H, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines were most commendable. Throughout this time he performed his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. His capability to lead troops under combat conditions and his ability to obtain creditable results in all endeavors is unique. His actions along the DMZ were particularly noteworthy. During January and February 1969, his platoon, under his able leadership, inserted several long range patrols into the DMZ and accounted for one large enemy ammunition cache discovered. Lieutenant MUELLER, demonstrating his courageous spirit and devotion to duty, personally led all patrols. (On one occasion when a patrol he was leading came into contact with an equal number of NVA soldiers, deep within the DMZ he responded rapidly, returning small arms fire and calling in both artillery and close air support. Due to his bold initiative and superb leadership, the patrol accounted for at least one enemy soldier wounded and was able to continue its mission without reinforcement.) Lieutenant MUELLER demonstrated his ability to coordinate supporting arms with deadly effect. His knowledge, leadership, and aggressiveness were evident to all acquainted with him. As Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General from 17 May to 1 November 1969, Lieutenant MUELLER continued to combine a high degree of initiative and adaptability to produce consistently outstanding results. Quickly grasping the necessity of exactness and timing associated with his duties, Lieutenant MUELLER insured that the daily activities of the Commanding General encompassed no wasted motion, thereby allowing the Commanding General to utilize his available assets to the fullest possible extent. His profound knowledge of social protocol and military exactness combined with a forthright personality enabled him to assume responsibilities concerning the Commanding General's commitments. Rapidly grasping the subtleties of Vietnamese culture and custom, he provided valuable assistance in the development and improvement of expanded Vietnamese-American relations. Throughout a period of combat activity marked by complex changes within the Division's disposition and composition, Lieutenant MUELLER performed his duties in a truly commendable manner and rendered invaluable assistance to his Division Commander. Throughout his diversified service with the Third Marine Division, Lieutenant MUELLER displayed a personal standard of excellence and great versatility in all that he performed. He contributed greatly to the success of the Division. By his gallant professionalism in combat and his keen military competence in administration, Lieutenant MUELLER reflected the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and the Naval Service.



The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the
BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT SWAN MUELLER III

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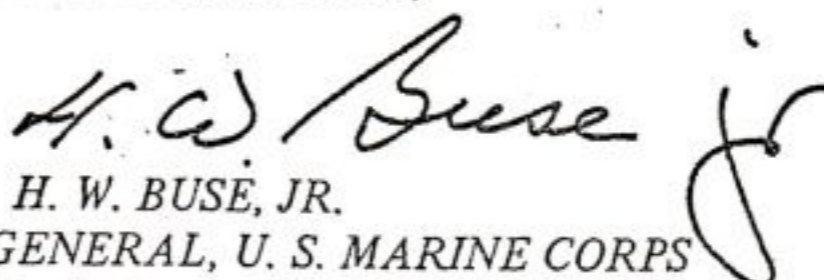
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as a Platoon Commander with Company H, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division. On 11 December 1968, Second Lieutenant Mueller's platoon was the lead element in a company size combat patrol being conducted in the Mutter's Ridge area of Quang Tri Province when the Marines came under a heavy volume of small arms, automatic weapons, and grenade launcher fire from a North Vietnamese Army company and sustained numerous casualties. Quickly establishing a defensive perimeter, Second Lieutenant Mueller fearlessly moved from one position to another, directing the accurate counterfire of his men and shouting words of encouragement to them. With complete disregard for his own safety, he then skillfully supervised the evacuation of casualties from the hazardous area and, on one occasion, personally led a fire team across the fire-swept terrain to recover a mortally wounded Marine who had fallen in a position forward of the friendly lines. Second Lieutenant Mueller's courage, aggressive initiative and unwavering devotion to duty at great personal risk were instrumental in the defeat of the enemy force and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

Second Lieutenant Mueller is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

FOR THE PRESIDENT,



H. W. BUSE, JR.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC