



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
1600 SPEARHEAD DIVISION AVENUE, DEPARTMENT 480
FORT KNOX, KY 40122-5408

PERMANENT ORDERS 216-03

4 August 2011

Provisional Reconnaissance Platoon, 11th Airborne Division
Company B, 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment
672d Amphibian Tractor Battalion

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Presidential Unit Citation

Period of service: 23 February 1945

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-13

Reason: 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.

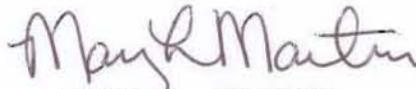
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Additional Instructions: This order supersedes Department of the Army General Orders No. 3, 20 January 1948. This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The award is still subject to final confirmation in the

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

MARY L. MARTIN

LTC, AG

Chief, Awards and Decorations
Branch