On 13 March 1969, LTJG KERRY was serving as Officer-in-Charge of PCF-94 conducting a five boat Sea Lords operation in the Bay Hap river and Dong Cung canal together with ground forces. 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. Almost simultaneously, another mine detonated close aboard PCF-94, knocking 1st LT RASSMAN into the water and wounding LTJG KERRY in the right arm. PCF-51 immediately went to the aid of PCF-3 while PCF-94 provided cover fire. Shortly after LTJG KERRY was informed that he had a man overboard, he immediately turned his boat around to assist the man in the water, who by this time was receiving sniper fire from the river banks. LTJG KERRY, from his exposed position on the bow of the boat, managed to pull LT RASSMAN aboard despite the painful wound in his right arm. Meanwhile, PCF-94's gunners provided accurate suppressing fire. LTJG KERRY then directed PCF-94 to the stricken PCF-3, where his crew attached a line and towed the boat clear of danger.
Throughout the entire action, LTJG KERRY proved himself to be calm, professional, and highly courageous in the face of enemy fire.

29. I certify that the facts contained herein are known to me.

NAME, RANK, TITLE OF ORIGINATOR

G. M. ELLIOTT, LCDR, COMCOSDIV ELEVEN

SIGNATURE

30. FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From: Commander Coastal Squadron ONE
To: Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam
Via: (1)  (2)  (3)

1. Forwarded, readdressed.

2. [X] Basic recommendation is concurred in.  [ ] Recommend modification of recommendation (See attached sheet)

[ ] Approval not recommended for the following reason(s):

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COMCOSFLOT ONE

C. F. HORNE, III

(Signature)

31. FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS BY VIA ADDRESSEE(S)

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32. DISPOSITION OF BASIC RECOMMENDATION BY AWARDING AUTHORITY

BRONZE STAR MEDAL APPROVED

SIGNATURE

Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel and Administration

DATE 5/31/69