



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

**CORPORAL JOSEPH R. TISCIA JR.
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

For service as set forth in the following

CITATION

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Headquarters and Service Company, Second Battalion Fifth Marine Regt. First Marine Division in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam on February 7th 1968. Corporal TISCIA was a member of the security unit aboard a convoy returning from a resupply mission in Thau Thien Province. As the convoy approached National Route One it suddenly came under intense small arms, automatic weapons, mortar and anti tank rocket fire from a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army force. Reacting instantly Corporal TISCIA skillfully deployed elements of the security unit into advantageous firing positions and ably directed a heavy volume of suppressive fire at the hostile emplacements. Alertly observing two wounded Marines lying in an area dangerously exposed to hostile fire, he fearlessly ran across fire-swept terrain to the injured men and rapidly moved them to covered positions. Disregarding his own safety he maneuvered toward an enemy machine gun emplacement and he threw a hand grenade which silenced the hostile position. He was then wounded. Ignoring his painful injuries, he continued to show words of encouragement and direct fire of his comrades until reinforcements arrived. His heroic and timely actions inspired all who observed him and were instrumental in saving the lives of two wounded Marines. By his courage, aggressive fighting spirit and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, Corporal TISCIA upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

FOR THE PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. W. Buse Jr.".

H. W. BUSE JR.

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC**