



Citation
to accompany the award of the
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
to the

Office of Defense Cooperation, Netherlands

The Office of Defense Cooperation, Netherlands, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 2 August 1990 to 25 March 1991. Through outstanding professionalism and devotion to duty, the members of the Office of Defense Cooperation exceeded mission requirement standards in all respects in operational support of DESERT SHIELD/STORM combat operations. With limited manpower assets, they directly supported daily high-level political negotiations; host-nation support, and deployment of Dutch forces to combat operations. Without their direct action, deployment of VII Corps to Southwest Asia would have been significantly delayed. During this period, the Office of Defense Cooperation, Netherlands, consistently displayed outstanding leadership, unparalleled expertise, and ceaseless dedication to achievement of success in the war effort. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the Office of Defense Cooperation, Netherlands, have brought great credit to themselves and to the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 4th day of October 1991

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. E. T. A.", written in a cursive style.

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff