

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR

TO

MARSHALL G. HARRISON

Major Marshall G. Harrison distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a Forward Air Controller deep in hostile territory, on 2 April 1970. On that date Major Harrison was flying in support of a five man Special Forces team which was surrounded and engaged by a large hostile force. During more than half of the hour that followed, the Major was alone and unaided in his support of the friendly unit. He first ordered helicopter gunships into the area, but they were forced to leave due to the heavy ground to air fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he began making repeated attacks against the hostile positions. Although his OV-10 Bronco was struck by the intense hostile fire, he continued his valiant efforts; and while still accurately delivering his ordnance, Major Harrison coordinated and directed the successful recovery of the friendlies, who had suffered 100% casualties. By his gallantry and devotion to duty Major Harrison has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.