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OCT 26 1965

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: First Lieutenant Allen E. CATES 086090/7335 USMCR  
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet  
Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Award of the gold star in lieu of a ninth Air  
Medal

Ref: (a) SECNAV Msg 192253Z Feb 1965  
(b) CINCPACFLT INST 1650.1

Encl: (1) Award Citation  
(2) Gold star in lieu of a ninth Air Medal

1. In accordance with the authority delegated by references (a) and (b), the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in awarding you a gold star in lieu of a ninth Air Medal.

2. Enclosed is the citation for a gold star in lieu of a ninth Air Medal as recognition of your meritorious service while performing combat support missions assisting Republic of Vietnam forces in countering guerrilla operations in South Vietnam.

*M. G. Busby*  
M. G. BUSBY  
By direction

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*J. A. Mitchell*  
J. A. MITCHELL  
By direction

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CG FMFPac ltr 7D/mtst 1650 of 26Oct65

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Service Group 37, 3d Marine Aircraft  
Wing, FMFPac, MCAS, El Toro, Santa Ana, California 92709  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aviation Detachment, MABTC, U. S. Naval  
Air Station, Pensacola, Florida

Subj: Award of the gold star in lieu of a ninth Air Medal; case of First  
Lieutenant Allen E. GATES 086090/7335 USMCR

1. Readdressed and forwarded with pleasure.

  
A. W. CAMPBELL