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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
To: First Lieutenant Allen E. CATES, 086090, USMC
Via: Commanding Officer, Marine Aviation Detachment, Naval
Air Basic Training Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola,
Florida

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

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

Encl: (1) Award Citation
(2) Gold star in lieu of the thirteenth Air Medal

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

2. Enclosed is the citation for a gold star in lieu of the thirteenth 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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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CG FMFPac ltr 7D/mtst 1650 of 14Jan66

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Aviation Detachment
To: First Lieutenant Allen E. CATES 086090 USMC
Via: Commanding Officer, Training Squadron THREE

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1. Readdressed and forwarded with pleasure.
2. I wish to add my personal appreciation to you for your accomplishments as a Naval Aviator. Congratulations for a job well done.


E. C. STANTON

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1 FEB 1966

SECOND ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, Training Squadron THREE
To: First Lieutenant Allen E. CATES, 086090, USMC

1. Delivered with congratulations.


A. R. SCHUKNECHT