



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC
c/o FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 96601

In the name of the President of the United States, the
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure
in awarding the AIR MEDAL to

FIRST LIEUTENANT ALLEN E. CATES
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a
designated Helicopter Pilot in Marine Medium Helicopter Squad-
ron THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE during combat support missions
in support of the Republic of Vietnam against the insurgent
communist guerrilla forces (Viet Cong) from 3 October 1964 to
21 October 1964. Often exposed to hostile fire at close range,
he contributed materially to the success of his squadron. His
courage and devotion to duty in the face of hazardous flying
conditions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the
United States Naval Service."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "V. H. Krulak".

V. H. KRULAK
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING

TEMPORARY CITATION