



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AIR MEDAL  
(GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A SECOND)**

**TO**

**LIEUTENANT (JUNIOR GRADE) EARL S. CHILDERS  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

The Commandant of the Coast Guard awards the Gold Star in lieu of a second Air Medal for meritorious performance of duty on 25 August 1950 as Patrol Plane Commander of a plane engaged in removing, from the U.S.C.G.C. Casco, a seriously ill man who had been transferred from the Greek ship, Igor. The plane effected a rendezvous with the Casco at sea, and landed alongside in darkness, heavy rain and low visibility. The patient was transferred from the Casco to the plane, a JATO take-off was executed, and the patient transported to shore for hospitalization. Such cooperation, courage, and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest tradition of the United States Coast Guard.