



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL**

TO

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ROBERT CATLIN GOULD
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant Commander GOULD is cited for meritorious achievement in aerial flight March 22, 1950, as pilot of a helicopter engaged in evacuating the injured pilot of a Taylorcraft plane which had overturned in a rugged and isolated area high in the Cascade mountains. In spite of the hazardous weather conditions and very deep snow, Lieutenant Commander Gould successfully landed his helicopter in a small clearing and took aboard the survivor. To lighten the helicopter for takeoff his crew member was left at the scene, and the survivor was safely flown to Cle Elum where an ambulance was waiting. After refueling his aircraft, Lieutenant Commander GOULD returned to the crash scene, landed, picked up his crew member and a member of the search party and made a successful takeoff. By his outstanding airmanship, Lieutenant Commander GOULD successfully carried out his mission despite the presence of recurring snow squalls, strong winds and poor visibility. His courage and judgment and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.