



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE COAST GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL**

**TO**

**ALLEN M. FOX  
CHIEF AVIATION MACHINIST MATE  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Chief FOX is cited for meritorious performance of duty on March 22, 1950, as crewman 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, the helicopter was successfully landed in a small clearing, and when the injured pilot was put aboard, Chief FOX despite inadequate clothing and severe weather conditions, unhesitatingly agreed to remain behind so that the evacuation could be made safely. With foresight and resourcefulness, Chief FOX supervised the preparation of a suitable landing spot which greatly minimized the danger of landing for the helicopter when it returned. After refueling, the aircraft returned to the crash scene, landed, picked up Chief FOX and a member of the search party and made a successful takeoff. His initiative, courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.