



**CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**

**TO**

**LIEUTENANT LEE ISAAC LEVY  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Lieutenant LEVY is cited for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on February 19, 1965 as pilot of a Coast Guard helicopter when he rescued 23 injured miners following an avalanche at the Granduc Mine near Stewart, British Columbia. When the request for assistance was received, Lieutenant LEVY and his crew proceeded to a hastily established base camp to aid in the evacuation. Hampered by low ceilings, snow flurries and unfamiliar terrain, the first attempt to reach the site of the disaster was futile. However, due to the emergency, Lieutenant LEVY, guided by the mine company helicopter, proceeded up the glacier in "white-out" conditions, located and landed on an improvised site at the mine, and loaded four injured miners aboard the aircraft. After transporting the men to the base camp, Lieutenant LEVY and his co-pilot immediately returned to the mine and rescued six other injured miners. Through his perseverance a total of 15 miners were evacuated from the mine to the base camp, and eight men were transferred from the camp to a Coast Guard amphibious aircraft. Lieutenant LEVY displayed expert airmanship and dauntless valor throughout this perilous operation. His skill, courage, sound judgment and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.