



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

TO

**LIEUTENANT STEWART R. GRAHAM
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as pilot of an HNS helicopter in an experimental mission in the North Atlantic Ocean, January 16, 1944. Displaying great skill and daring in the fulfillment of an extremely perilous open sea assignment, Lieutenant (then Lieutenant, Junior Grade) GRAHAM successfully completed the first flight of a helicopter from a vessel in convoy despite the hazardous wind and sea conditions encountered in the North Atlantic in mid-winter. By his courage, brilliant airmanship and devotion to duty, Lieutenant GRAHAM made a signal contribution toward the advancement of Naval aviation, thereby reflecting great upon himself and the United States Naval Service.



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For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on 22 September 1946 as pilot of an HNS helicopter engaged in the rescue of eighteen survivors of the Belgian Sabena DC-4 airliner which crashed twenty-four miles southwest of Gander Airport, Newfoundland on 18 September, 1946. In the face of hazardous terrain and the necessity of making difficult landings on very small platforms constructed on soft muskeg, Lieutenant GRAHAM, by his outstanding airmanship and determination, expeditiously effected the rescue of three injured survivors. His courage and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.