



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

**TO**

**Lieutenant Junior Grade CHARLES R. LEISY  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight on 20 August 1950, as a pilot of a Coast Guard plane engaged in rescuing a Navy pilot, whose plane had crashed into the Atlantic Ocean about one mile from Great Isaac Light, Bahama Islands. Within five minutes after receiving the call for assistance Lieutenant LEISY was enroute to the scene of the crash. He located the downed pilot floating in a lifejacket, and dropped a life raft, which the survivor boarded. Realizing that no surface craft were in the area; that there was danger of the raft being lost to sight in the shark infested, rough water; and that the pilot might be injured or suffering from shock, Lieutenant LEISY made an open sea landing in swells six to eight feet high, about a mile from the raft, and taxied to it. The survivor was quickly hoisted aboard the plane, treated for shock, and returned to his base. Lieutenant LEISY'S courage. Sound judgement and unwavering devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Coast Guard.