



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL
TO
SERGEANT BRUCE H. HICKSON

Sergeant Bruce H. Hickson distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescueman in Hatcher Pass, 35 miles north of Anchorage, Alaska, on 17 August 1978. On that date, Sergeant Hickson was inserted by an HH-3 “Jolly Green” helicopter onto a high, vertical cliff to perform a lengthy and extremely difficult technical climbing evacuation of an injured mountain climber which ended with a 230-foot helicopter hoist maneuver. His judgment, precise attention to detail, as well as his timely and accurate medical treatment were the factors directly responsible for saving the climber's life. The professional skill and airmanship displayed by Sergeant Hickson reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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