



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIR MEDAL
TO
STAFF SERGEANT LAWRENCE WELLINGTON

Staff Sergeant Lawrence Wellington distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life in the Pacific Ocean from 4 November 1967 to 6 November 1967. During this period, Sergeant Wellington parachuted into rough seas, 525 miles east of Tokyo Japan, to render medical aid to a ship's master who had been shot. He skillfully maneuvered his parachute to land within 30 feet of a waiting lifeboat, after which he administered whole blood and medicines to the effect of saving the man's life. The patient was delivered to naval doctors in fair condition and is recuperating well. The professional skill and airmanship displayed by Sergeant Wellington reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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