



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL
TO
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS GRADY F. ALLEN

Airman First Class Grady F. Allen distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, on 15 March 1969. On that date, Airman Allen rushed to the scene where a fully loaded fighter aircraft had crashed on take off. The pilot was hopelessly trapped in the burning wreckage, and high explosive antipersonnel ordnance was detonating around the aircraft. Though he was repeatedly forced back by the constantly exploding munitions and the deadly shrapnel, Airman Allen made his way to the burning fighter. Disregarding his own personal safety, he assisted in the removal of the critically injured pilot from the wreckage and continued to expose himself as he applied emergency first aid. The exemplary courage and heroism displayed by Airman Allen reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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