



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

SERGEANT ALLEN J. AVERY

Sergeant Allen J. Avery distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Agrihan Island, Trust Territories of the Pacific on 13 May 1966. On that date, Sergeant Avery deployed with full para-scuba gear into rough seas near Agrihan Island, risking possible severe injury on the sheer cliffs and the rough surf surrounding the island's only beach, in order to determine the nature of an unidentified epidemic. Upon examination of the forty-six residents, Sergeant Avery found that all were suffering from colds, ear infections, and bronchitis and that two small children had acute pneumonia. The prompt and proper treatment administered by Sergeant Avery was directly responsible for the saving of the life of a six-month old baby. By his courageous action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, Sergeant Avery has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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