



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

STAFF SERGEANT ZACHARY SANDLIN

Staff Sergeant Zachary Sandlin 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 Sandlin 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 Sandlin 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 Sandlin 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 Sandlin has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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