



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE AIRMAN'S MEDAL

TO

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT L. ZONTINI

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Zontini distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at the Ngong Mountain Region of Kenya, near Nairobi Airport on 17 May 1962. On that date, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Zontini entered the wreckage of a C-130 aircraft which was still hot and was teetering on a small cliff over a 2,000 foot drop to search for and rescue any possibly trapped survivors. The decisive action, exemplary courage, and humanitarianism displayed by Sergeant Zontini reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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