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SERGEANT CHARLES W. WALLS

Sergeant Charles W. Walls distinguished himself by outstanding achievement near Ogden, Utah on 3 October 1977. On that date, Sergeant Walls descended from a helicopter by hoist to a seriously injured girl who had fallen 70 feet down a near vertical rocky slope. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Walls, despite the hazardous footing and steep slope, unhesitatingly deflected a 200-pound rock to prevent it from falling directly onto the injured girl's head and neck and persevered in his humanitarian efforts until he succeeded in removing tier from the near vertical slope to the safety of the helicopter. By his prompt action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, Sergeant Walls has reflected credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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