



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE SILVER STAR
TO
AIRMAN FIRST CLASS JON H. YOUNG

Airman First Class Jon H. Young distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force on 2 March 1965. On that date, Airman Young, acting as a Pararescue Specialist of an HH-43F helicopter, flew rescue missions totaling two and one half hours over unfriendly territory in search of two downed American pilots. During this critical operation, the helicopter encountered continuous anti-aircraft and small arms fire. After the successful rescue of one pilot, the helicopter made an approach to another parachute which had been sighted. While hovering over this area in search of the downed pilot, extremely accurate ground fire was encountered and a hit was sustained in one of the rotor blades. Airman Young was let down on the hoist to recover the missing pilot's equipment. After he had recovered, the helicopter was forced to withdraw. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Airman Young's helicopter flew cover for a second helicopter crew while they rescued an additional downed pilot. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Airman Young has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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