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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the SILVER STAR MEDAL to

MAJOR ALFRED MASON GRAY

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving as Commanding Officer of the Composite Artillery Battalion, Twelfth Marines, Third Marine Division in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. During the night of 14 May 1967, three Marines who were enroute to a listening post northeast of the Gio Linh perimeter became confused in the darkness and unknowingly entered an area heavily mined with M-2 and M-16 mines. One of the Marines inadvertently detonated a mine which killed him and seriously wounded his comrades. Upon learning of the accident, Major GRAY immediately proceeded to the area and, realizing that the casualties required immediate medical attention, unhesitatingly entered the mined area to assist them. Disregarding his own safety, Major GRAY, accompanied by another Marine, calmly and skillfully probed a cleared path forty meters through the unmarked mine field to the side of the wounded men. Directing his companion to guide stretcher bearers along the cleared route, Major GRAY moved one of the casualties away from a sensitized mine and began administering first aid to the injured Marines. When stretcher bearers arrived, he directed the safe evacuation of the casualties from the minefield. Subsequently, he maneuvered through the dangerous area to the side of the mortally wounded Marine and left the hazardous area only after he was assured that the man was dead. His timely and heroic actions in the face of great personal danger inspired all who served with him and were instrumental in saving the lives of two Marines. By his inspiring courage, bold initiative and selfless devotion to duty, Major GRAY upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

FOR THE PRESIDENT

V. H. KRULAK
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