

COMMANDER ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE GROUP FIVE



takes pleasure in commending

Alan Kenneth NOBLES
Aviation Anti-Submarine Warfare Technician Third Class, United States Navy
for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For meritorious achievement as aircrewman of a helicopter while attached to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron SIX embarked in USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33). On 17 December 1967, Petty Officer NOBLES and the helicopter crew were launched at night from USS KEARSARGE (CVS-33) to aid in the rescue of the crew of a downed Air Force fighter. The survivors had been located in the water near DONG HOI approximately one mile off shore. After a flight of sixty miles the helicopter arrived on scene and an immediate hover was executed near the first survivor. The hover trim was engaged and Petty Officer NOBLES assumed control of the helicopter. Although no hover lights were used due to the proximity of the enemy shoreline, he maneuvered to an excellent position enabling the second crewman to effect the rescue. A second hover was attained despite the darkness and enemy fire from the beach, thus enabling the second crewman to effect a rapid rescue. The helicopter crew immediately departed to seaward. Petty Officer NOBLES's professional competence under adverse conditions and his courageous behavior reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. H. Shupper".

B. H. SHUPPER
Rear Admiral
United States Navy