The Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Reinf) FMF, takes pleasure in commending

MAJOR EDWARD L. BARKER
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For excellent service in the line of his profession while serving with a Marine observation squadron during operations against the enemy in KOREA on 26 September 1951. Serving as pilot of an unarmed, vulnerable aircraft, Major BARKER exhibited a high degree of professional skill, initiative and fortitude in the evacuation of casualties from a front line area. With complete disregard for personal safety, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire to land his craft on a front line landing site. As enemy artillery was hitting the area, he helped load the wounded aboard. Although the craft was hit and riddled with twenty-two pieces of shrapnel, he flew the damaged aircraft out of the front line area. He was forced to make an emergency landing shortly after the take off, but succeeded in delivering the critically wounded Marines to a medical aid station. His admirable determination and self-possesion in the face of enemy fire and his skillful ability resulted in prompt medical treatment for the wounded men and served as an inspiration for all who observed him. Major BARKER's conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Commendation Ribbon with Combat "V" Authorized.

G. C. THOMAS,
Major General
U.S. Marine Corps

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