

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS HEADQUARTERS, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC FPO, SAN FRANCISCO 96610

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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES PATRICK DALEY

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as an Artillery Forward Observer with Company B. First Battalion. Third Marines, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade. In the early morning hours of 17 August 1967, during Operation Beacon Gate/ Cochise in Quang Tin Province, Private First Class DALEY was attached to a squad defending a combat outpost which was suddenly assaulted by a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army force. Disregarding his own safety, Private First Class DALEY repeatedly exposed himself to the intense enemy fire to throw grenades and deliver accurate fire at the enemy. When his unit withdrew to a covered position on the reverse slope of the hill. he assisted in the evacuation of the wounded, while continuing to throw grenades. After the squad had evacuated the casualties to a covered position, Private First Class DALEY fearlessly joined four other Marines in an aggressive counterattack against the enemy. Despite the heavy volume of hostile fire, the Marines overran the enemy positions, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing the North Vietnamese to abandon their dead comrades and flee in panic and confusion. His resolute determination was an inspiration to all who observed him and undoubtedly saved the lives of several Marines. Private First Class DALEY's courage, aggressive fighting spirit and unswerving devotion to duty at great personal risk were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

Private First Class DALEY is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

FOR THE PRESIDENT

V. H. KRULAK

LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC