



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS to

CAPTAIN ELWOOD D. BUSH,  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as Pilot of a Plane in Marine Fighter Squadron TWO HUNDRED TWELVE during operations against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 6 July 1951. Leading a two-plane strike against one of the enemy's main supply routes in the vicinity of Kumsong, Captain Bush personally scored a direct hit on the target, seriously impeding the flow of vital materiel to the hostile front-line area. When concentrations of enemy troops, vehicles and supplies were sighted, he immediately initiated a series of daring attacks at minimum altitude in the face of intense hostile automatic-weapons fire. Although his aircraft was damaged by enemy fire, he fearlessly continued the attack until his ammunition was expended, inflicting numerous casualties on the hostile troops, damaging three vehicles and destroying seven buildings in the area. By his marked courage, skilled airmanship and unswerving devotion to duty, Captain Bush was greatly instrumental in dealing a damaging blow to the enemy and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President,

*C. S. Thomas*

Secretary of the Navy.