CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE LEGION OF MERIT
(DEGREE OF LEGIONNAIRE)

TO

ASSIFIER AYANA

Captain Assifier Ayana distinguished herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States of America on 27 August 1960 as a nurse of the Ethiopian Brigade, United Nations Forces, at Stanleyville, Republic of the Congo. On that date, Captain Assifier Ayana demonstrated a sincere and kindred bond of friendship toward the United States by her prompt and aggressive participation in the rescue of United States military personnel seriously injured as a result of violent actions by elements of the local armed forces. The exemplary courage and determination displayed by Captain Assifier Ayana reflect great credit upon herself and her country and have earned for her the sincere gratitude of the United States of America.

Thomas S Gates
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 20, 1942
HAS AWARDED

THE LEGION OF MERIT

(Degree of Legionnaire)

TO

Captain Assifier Ayana
Nurse, Ethiopian Brigade, United Nations Forces

FOR

EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

on 27 August 1960 at Stanleyville, Republic of the Congo

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 2d DAY OF September 19 60

Dudley C. Sharp

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Thomas S. Gates