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This issue of CHECKMATES Newsletter is dedicated as a memorial to the late Lieutenant Commander Hal Russell GRANDALL. LCDR GRANDALL gave his life while in the service of his country. He died in a plane accident 24 July 1963, in a take-off at Cabi Point, Philippine Islands.

LCDR GRANDALL was an excellent pilot with the integrity, courage and fortitude that National heroes of the past were made of. He was a symbol of valor which every American youth would follow as an example in years to come.

We, the crew and officers at FITRON 211 are saddened by the void that is left among our ranks by the passing of LCDR GRANDALL. He was well known and respected by every man in our squadron, as well as other Crusader Squadrons throughout WESTPAC. He was a devoted husband and a loyal father.

To LCDR GRANDALL's Family: Today the Checkmates are sharing your bereavement during this hour of sadness, and we humbly pray that his soul will rest in Peace with the blessings of Him who said "Let not your hearts be troubled: Ye believed in God, believeth also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it was not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there Ye may be also".

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