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(Signalman Seaman, Ser. 262-17-8827, U. S. Navy, USS Stark FFG-31) (29 Jun 1961 WA-17 May 1987 Persian Gulf, buried Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA) (While protecting international shipping traveling through the Gulf during the Iraq-Iran War, the Stark was struck by two Exocet Missiles fired from an Iraqi F-1 Mirage Fighter Aircraft) Purple Heart Medal