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FORWARD AREA, CENTRAL PACIFIC

The Commander Forward Area, Central Pacific, takes pleasure in commending

RICHARD ARNUM BRIGHT, AVIATION METALSMITH, THIRD CLASS  
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For courageous actions during an enemy air attack on the night of 26 December 1944 while serving at a United States Naval Air Base in the Marianas Islands. Immediately following the outbreak of a large fire as a result of enemy bombs, he drove a tractor to the rear of a Ventura bomber, and although surrounded by smoke, flame, exploding ammunition, and gasoline, he secured a line to the plane and towed it to safety while the raid was still in progress. His initiative, courage, and devotion to duty gave evidence of his value to the Naval Service."

J. H. HOOVER  
Vice Admiral  
United States Navy

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