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

LIEUTENANT CHARLES HULL SEWALL, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

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. Seeing fires start in the plane repair area as a result of enemy bombs, he voluntarily proceeded to the scene of the fire and initiated quick, fearless, and aggressive action which resulted in the removal of two aircraft to a point of safety. He then proceeded to a Navy Liberator bomber whose wing was on fire, and at great personal risk, assisted in extinguishing the flames before the main gasoline tanks became ignited, thereby saving the plane from further damage. 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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