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COMMANDER MARIANAS

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In the name of the President of the United States, the
Commander MARIANAS takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY
AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL TO HAROLD I. ILLING, ARTIC,
UNITED STATES NAVY for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For distinguishing himself by heroism at Tinian, Marianas
Islands on 22 April 1945. With total disregard for his personal
safety he entered a burning B-29 aircraft which had just crashed
and carried out the unconscious co-pilot despite the danger of
exploding ammunition. His heroic conduct saved the co-pilot from
severe burns and possible loss of life and was in keeping with
the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

/s/ J. H. HOOVER,
J. H. HOOVER,
Vice Admiral,
United States Navy.

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