

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION to the

U.S.S. BUNKER HILL

and her attached Air Groups participating in the following operations:

November 11, 1943, to February 23, 1944, Rabaul, Gilberts, Nauru, Kavieng, Marshalls, Truk, Marianas: AG-17 (VF-18, VB-17, VT-17, Part of VFN-76).

March 29 to April 30, 1944, Palau, Hollandia, Truk; June 11 to August 5, 1944, Marianas, Bonins, Palau; September 6 to October 21, 1944, Philippines, Palau, Yap, Ryukyus, Formosa: AG-8 (VF-8, VB-8, VT-8, Part of VFN-76).

November 11 to 25, 1944, Luzon: AG-4 (VF-4, VB-4, VT-4).

February 16 to May 11, 1945, Japan, Bonins, Ryukyus: AG-84 (VF-84, VB-84, VT-84, VMF-221, VMF-451).

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For extraordinary heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces in the air, ashore and afloat in the South, Central, Southwest and Western Pacific, from November 11, 1943, to May 11, 1945. Spearheading our concentrated carrier-warfare in the most forward areas, the U.S.S. BUNKER HILL and her air groups struck crushing blows toward annihilating Japanese fighting power; they provided air cover for our amphibious forces; they fiercely countered the enemy's aerial attacks and destroyed his planes; and they inflicted terrific losses on the Japanese in Fleet and merchant marine units sunk or damaged. Daring and dependable in combat, the BUNKER HILL with her gallant officers and men rendered loyal service in achieving the ultimate defeat of the Japanese Empire."

For the President,

James Forrestal
Secretary of the Navy