

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending

WILLIAM J. DICKERSON
CHIEF SHIPFITTER
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For outstanding performance of duty as a crew member on board the ERIE when that vessel was torpedoed by enemy forces in the Caribbean Sea, Nov. 12, 1942. As a member of the damage control party, he rendered additional service by taking charge of separate groups charged with closing off the after part of the ship in order to prevent spread of fire to the second deck. By his courage, loyalty and determination, Dickerson contributed materially to the successfully beaching and saving of the ERIE while upholding the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The Commendation Ribbon is authorized.

Signed) Francis P. Matthews
Secretary of the Navy