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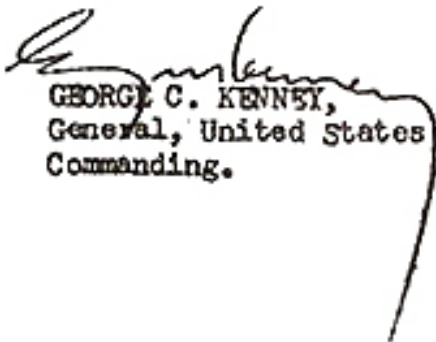
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The citation is as follows:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight near Tarakan, Borneo, Netherlands East Indies, on 8 April 1945. These officers and enlisted men were crew members of a Catalina aircraft dispatched to rescue the crew of a B-25 which had crashed in Japanese-controlled waters. When a P-38 pilot sighted a dinghy near Tarakan and led the Catalina to the area, it had to fly within 200 yards of enemy guns, which sent up an intense barrage of anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire. The Catalina made a successful water landing, though it was severely damaged and 2 of the crew were painfully wounded. Under constant fire the crew picked up the airmen in the dinghy, took off, and returned to an auxiliary base. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by these officers and enlisted men during this flight are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army Air Forces.


GEORGE C. KENNEY,
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