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

HAROLD KENNETH CARLSON, AVIATION RADIOMAN, SECOND CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

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 fire break out on the engine of a Navy Liberator bomber which had been struck by a Japanese bomb during the raid, he quickly obtained a fire extinguisher and climbed upon the wing and, although in grave danger from the threat of the gasoline tanks catching fire or exploding, remained there until he had, with the help of two other men, extinguished the fire. 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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