

Tuckerston Office

June 12, 1947

For the Elec. Reporter

Mr. W. Farrell, Editor
Atlantic City Office

Dear Mr. Farrell:

The employee about which I am writing, Mr. Rudolph Koenig is in the Northern Division, Tuckerston District. He is a ground man working at the present time in Mr. Harry Birkbeck's gang. As you will see from the copy of his Military record which I am sending to you, this man has excelled in his service to his country and I think deserves some mention in our Elec Reporter. Although Mr. Koenig is very hesitant about any publicity, this information reached me and I thought perhaps you could use what you want of it. ~~XX~~

C O P Y

By virtue of the power delegated to me, I take pleasure in awarding in the name of the President of the United States, the Bronze Star Medal to:

RUDOLPH KOENIG, SHIP'S COOK THIRD CLASS,
U. S. NAVAL RESERVE

CITATION

For distinguishing himself by heroic and meritorious conduct in connection with operations against the enemy while serving as a member of the crew of PT 114 from September 1944 to July 1945. Serving as ship's cook with his battle station as operator of the bow 37 MM gun, he made 72 combat patrols against enemy shipping in Philippine and Borneo waters, and participated in the destruction of eleven small surface craft, the damaging of three others, and in nine strafing attacks on enemy shore installations. He was under enemy air attack many times at Mindoro, during December and January 1945. He was under shore fire in five engagements, during which his boat was hit 27 times. On 27 May 1945, when his boat in company with another made a close range strafing attack on a Japanese position at Driftwood Point, Demhurst Bay, Borneo, in the face of accurate rifle and machine gun fire from shore, his gun was hit but not disabled by small caliber fire. Without regard for personal safety, he remained at his exposed battle station and maintained steady and accurate fire throughout the action, which resulted in heavy damage to the enemy barracks and in the destruction of six small surface craft. His conduct throughout ~~xxx~~ distinguished him among those performing duties of the same character.

T. C. KINKAID
Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Commander Seventh Fleet.

*Reported by
G. M. B. Sullivan*

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