

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED AIR FORCES  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER

February 24, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Barnes:

Recently your husband, Lieutenant George A. Barnes, was decorated with the Air Medal. It was an award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization, his fellow American airmen, his country, and his home and to you.

He was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Southwest Pacific Area from July 25, 1944 to September 13, 1944.

Your husband took part in sustained operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights consisted of patrols, searches, and rescue missions which aided considerably in the recent successes in this theatre.

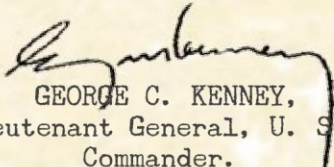
Almost every hour of every day your husband, and the husbands of other American women, are doing just such things as that here in the Southwest Pacific.

Theirs is a very real and very tangible contribution to victory and to peace.

I would like to tell you how genuinely proud I am to have men such as your husband in my command, and how gratified I am to know that young Americans with such courage and resourcefulness are fighting our country's battle against the aggressor nations.

You, Mrs. Barnes, have every reason to share that pride and gratification.

Sincerely,

  
GEORGE C. KENNEY,  
Lieutenant General, U. S. A.,  
Commander.

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