

SECRETHEADQUARTERS
IX BOMBER COMMAND

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Exn #14-Aug 1944

201.22-Blackford, Dayton S. (E)

APO 140, U S Army
9 August 1944

SUBJECT : Commendation.

TO : Sgt Dayton S. Blackford, 20245674, 670th Bombardment Squadron (L), 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U S Army.

I desire to commend you for your ingenuity and self-reliance you displayed on 18 July 1944 when you restored the use of the air speed indicator and altimeter of your aircraft. The altimeter and air speed indicator control line severed by enemy anti-aircraft, you displayed unusual resourcefulness in effecting the repair of these lines by ingenious use of the few materials at your disposal. With the rubber tubing from an already damaged "Mee West" and the tape from your headsey, you were able to replace the section of line torn away by enemy action. Your actions on this occasion permitted the pilot to land the aircraft safely with full use of these instruments. High praise is due you for your initiative and quick thinking in removing this hazard.

SAMUEL E. ANDERSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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EXH #15-AUG 1944

201.22-Burger, LaVerne C. (E)

APO 140, U S Army
9 August 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Sgt LaVerne C Burger, 15377330, 670th Bombardment Squad-
: ron (L), 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U S Army.

I desire to commend you for the initiative and alertness you displayed on 18 July 1944 when you repaired the torn altimeter and air speed indicator control line of your aircraft, which had been severed by enemy anti-aircraft. With the use of scissors from a first aid kit you cut off the jagged edges of the torn line and bored open the flattened parts. Then with the tube from a "Mas West" and the tape from an headset you restored the use of these lines. Your skill in putting to use the few simple materials at your disposal permitted the air speed indicator and altimeter to function in spite of the damage incurred by the enemy. As a result of your ingenuity the pilot was able to make a safe landing. High praise is due you for your resourcefulness and skill in mastering this critical situation.

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