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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 "Mae 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
Commending

This is a TRUE COPY:

FRANK M. HOPPE
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