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APO 140, U S Army
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201.22-Burger, LaVerne C. (E)

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Sgt LaVerne C Burger, 15377330, 670th Bombardment Squadron (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 repaied 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 "Mae 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.

SAMUEL E. ANDERSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding.

This is a TRUE COPY:

Frank M. Hoppe

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