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HEADQUARTERS
XIII BOMBER COMMAND
APO # 719-2

8 March 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: : Commanding Officer, 5230th Composite Rescue Group, APO 719.

1. It is with extreme gratification and appreciation that I commend the following officers and men of your organization for their distinguished heroism in rescuing seventeen (17) B-25 crew members of this Command, off-shore at Zamboanga, on 4 March 1945:

Lt. Frank Arschkolb	HAUSCHKOLB	0-753244
Capt. Willis L. Helmantoler		0-665020
Lt. John M. Reeves		0-426335
Capt. Nicholas E. Bailey		0-419154
T/Sgt Robert S. Jones		17014707
S/Sgt Clarence E. Foriestad		19143373
Pfc. Robert W. Logan		19111044

2. The audacious courage of this Cat crew in suffering the intense shellfire of formidable enemy shore batteries and numerous armed barges, without regard for their personal safety, to accomplish the rescue of the downed airmen in three separate pick-ups, has earned the gratitude and respect of all personnel in this Command.

3. It is recommended that this letter be made a matter of record in the preparation and submission of recommendations for awards for the deserving individuals.

/s/ carl a. brandt
CARL A. BRANDT
Colonel, Air Corps
Commanding

3 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Rpt on Rescue Operations
Hqs., 42nd Bomb Gp (M).
- Incl 2 - Rpt on Rescue Operations
75th Bomb Sq (M)
- Incl 3 - Rpt on Rescue Operations
390th Bomb Sq (M)

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R. C. WASHBURNE,
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