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Exhibit #28.. July 1944

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCEIn reply refer
to: 201.22APO 696, U.S. Army
21 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 416th Bomb Group, APO 140, U.S. Army
(Through Commanding General, IX Bomber Command)

1. In studying the strike photographs of 18 July 1944, I was pleased by the bombing done by your Group and particularly by that of the first box on the Mantes-Gassicourt inland rail bridge. Such accuracy shows excellent training and a real determination on the part of your crews to destroy their target. It is this sort of bombing that will strangle the German army and hasten its defeat due to lack of supplies. Please accept my heartiest congratulations.

2. I desire that this letter be brought to the attention of all members of your command and particularly to the attention of the ground crews who keep your airplanes fit to bomb.

/s/ Lewis H. Brereton
/t/ LEWIS H. BRERETON,
Lieut. General, USA
Commanding

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Commendation
201,22

1st Ind. C/GM/4
HEADQUARTERS, IX BOMBER COMMAND, APO 140, U S Army. 26 July 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U S Army .

It is a distinct pleasure to indorse this communication. I add my own congratulations for a job brilliantly executed both on the ground and in the air.

/s/ Samuel E. Anderson
/t/ SAMUEL E. ANDERSON,
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding.

This is a TRUE COPY:

Frank M. Hoppe
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