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18 August 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation

THROUGH: Base Commander, Naval Air Base  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

TO: Lt Charles H. SEWALL, USNR.

1. On 4 August 1945 one of our B-29 airplanes crashed after take-off on Able Runway, West Field. This airplane was loaded with high explosive bombs, which detonated from heat shortly after the crash.

2. I wish to commend you for the high qualities of leadership, cooperation, and courage which you displayed upon this occasion. As a member of a rescue team composed of Army, Navy, and Marine Corps personnel, you were instrumental in evacuating the combat crew from the crashed airplane. The perfect harmony and coordination of rescue activities reflects great credit on the personnel engaged therein. Your actions demonstrated a high degree of personal bravery, and thru your efforts we were able to save the lives of the crew. The part you played in this incident should be a source of gratification to you and to your organization, for it is in the highest traditions of the United States Navy.

R. M. RAMEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. A.  
Commanding.

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