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27 March 1945.

From: Commanding Officer, Patrol Bombing Squadron ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN.  
To: Commanding Officer, Combat Aircraft Service Unit (F)-44.

Subj: PARRISH, Elias Jackson, 657 22 95, AMM3c V6 UCNR, Commendation  
of.

1. About 0430 on 21 March 1945 Ensign John Benedict ABELN, A-1, USNR, attached to this squadron was struck on the head by a propellor. His scalp, which bled profusely, was split open and he sustained a compound fracture of the skull.
2. PARRISH, who was acting as plane director at the time, immediately applied first aid to stop Ensign ABELN's profuse scalp bleeding. According to the other pilots of the crew and the attending doctor, PARRISH's knowledge of first aid and prompt application were instrumental in reducing the flow of blood and saving Ensign ABELN's life.
3. The Commanding officer feels that PARRISH is to be highly commended for his knowledge and initiative, and suggests that consideration be given to recommending him for a Life Saving Medal.

C. K. HARPER.

ENCLOSURE (29)