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USS APc-25

22 August, 1943

From: Commanding Officer, USS APc-25  
To: GEPPORD, Donald Keith, Sl/c, 376 61 19, USN  
Subject: Citation for Rescue Work.

1. You are hereby cited for your excellent work, while on board this ship, in materially assisting in the rescue of over 35 men from a burning ship which was sunk as the result of enemy action. This work was carried out while enemy air attack was in progress and while there was substantial danger from exploding boilers, exploding ammunition and magazines, and considerable danger from burning oil on the waters adjacent to the rescue work. In ignoring these dangers and in carrying on your work without regard for your own safety, you have deserved at least this citation. Your later work during sustained air attacks upon our ship and during the bombing and strafing attacks is also deserving of commendation.

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