

ARMY AIR FORCES
Certificate of Appreciation
FOR WAR SERVICE



TO

JOHN D. SWEENEY

I CANNOT meet you personally to thank you for a job well done; nor can I hope to put in written words the great hope I have for your success in future life.

Together we built the striking force that swept the Luftwaffe from the skies and broke the German power to resist. The total might of that striking force was then unleashed upon the Japanese. Although you no longer play an active military part, the contribution you made to the Air Forces was essential in making us the greatest team in the world.

The ties that bound us under stress of combat must not be broken in peacetime. Together we share the responsibility for guarding our country in the air. We who stay will never forget the part you have played while in uniform. We know you will continue to play a comparable role as a civilian. As our ways part, let me wish you God speed and the best of luck on your road in life. Our gratitude and respect go with you.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. H. Arnold', is written over the printed title.

COMMANDING GENERAL
ARMY AIR FORCES



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To Former Members of the AAF Team:

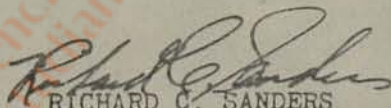
The purpose of this letter is to convey General Arnold's sincere interest in those who served as members of his Command. Even though you no longer wear the uniform, we of the Air Forces still consider you one of us. The bond of friendship and mutual understanding among Air Force personnel, strengthened by contributions such as yours, was a primary factor in making possible the unprecedented accomplishments of the Air Forces during the recent conflict.

In the interest of maintaining this bond, we want to make provisions for assisting you, wherever possible, in the solution of problems encountered in your return to civilian life. We wish we could make all Air Force facilities available to you, but you, of course, realize the impossibility of doing so under present laws.

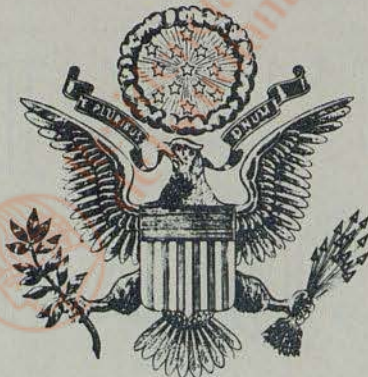
However, there is a trained Air Force officer at each AAF base to assist both our present and former personnel in the handling of their personal affairs.

We would be glad to have you contact the Personal Affairs officer at the nearest Air Force base if you have a problem which you feel he can help you solve.

Sincerely,


RICHARD C. SANDERS
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

United States Army



Army Air Forces Technical Training Command

Be it known that

JOHN D. SWEENEY, 19123961

has satisfactorily completed the course for

Airplane Mechanics

*as prescribed by the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command
In testimony whereof and by virtue of vested authority I do confer upon him this*

Diploma

*Given at Gulfport Field, Miss. on this 29th day
of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty three*


A. L. JEWETT,
Colonel, Air Corps,
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