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Mr. Henry E. Phipps
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Dear Ed:

At long last I have the honor and the great pleasure to inform you that you have been awarded the Air Medal for the flying which you did while on Coastal Patrol down at Rehoboth. Thanks to the C.A.P. Veterans Association, - The President has just signed a Bill authorizing C.A.P. pilots having over two hundred hours of Anti Submarine patrol to be eligible for this award. You, of course, come in that category and I am certainly delighted that the long over-due honor can now be paid to you. It never has seemed fair to me that the Army and Navy Pilots received such decorations for the flying that they were doing, which was entirely parallel to the type that we were doing, at the same time, and yet our status did not allow us to be eligible for the award.

By now you have undoubtedly received a letter from the ReUnion Committee informing you that we are having our reunion this year at Rehoboth on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of May. I thought it would be appropriate if the presentation of your Air Medal could be made down at Rehoboth during our reunion and I have asked General Beau, the present Commanding General of C.A.P. if he would come to Rehoboth to make the formal presentations. The General has promised to be there on Sunday, May 23rd, and we are planning to have the presentation ceremony take place there sometime during the late morning. I hope you were planning to be there anyway; but if you were not, I hope this will give you an added impetus to try to be on hand, for nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see the General pin that medal on your chest. Of course, if you just absolutely can't get there, we certainly will see to it that your medal gets to you anyway, but I certainly hope you will be there in person.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible as to whether you can be there, so that I can make the proper arrangements. My address is 9012-A DuPont Building, Wilmington, Delaware.

I'll be seeing you in May!

Hearty congratulations and very best regards.

Cordially yours,

