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**TRANSCRIPTION**

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Your Honor:

Undoubtedly, numerous complaints from service men and servicemen's dependents have reached your ears wondering how they and their men cannot be discharged, and no doubt the majority of these letters are self-biased and no legitimate reasons exist for their immediate discharge.

I'm a flight Radio Operator flying the "Hump" from India to China.

This aid to China – flying aviation gas – and supplies for the Chinese 94<sup>th</sup> Army (Lend-Lease has stopped-so we've been told) is the most asinine thing that can be imagined, but is not my grievance.

Last night we were informed by army directive—confirming Gen. Marshall's statement that all men with 70 points

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will be sent home beginning Oct. 1st –

has no effect on flight Radio Operators.  
If you care to inquire – you will learn that there are only three categories of army personnel listed as essential. In these 3 groups there are about 500 men in all theaters in the entire U.S. Army. Yet, the ATC in the CBI has made its own policies and included the Radio Operators among these 3.

There is absolutely and positively no reason for this. Bases in the CBI are rapidly ceasing all operations and are distributing the low point men among the remaining bases. This base is one of the last to be closed down.

Consequently, we have accumulated more than 250 Radio Operators where 150 are more than sufficient to fly the 45

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ships based here.

This morning a shipment of 40 Radio Operators – formerly Radio Gunners with the 8<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Air Forces, all having point totals ranging from 85 to 105 as of V-E day – were cancelled in favor of men (ground personnel) having point totals of 80 points as of V-J day.

I am not one of these bitter unfortunate 35 men, therefore, you can see that I'm

not speaking for myself.

I have 71 points, including 750 “Hump”  
hours – Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster  
and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

I sincerely hope that this letter goes  
beyond the battery of your secretaries and  
that it does reach your desk and sense  
of fair play.

Hopefully yours,

Michael Zulevich