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On the morning of October 4th, 1944, I, Corporal Burgess, accompanied Captain Cook and Lt. Ellis on a mission to retrieve an SCR 610 with crystal set from a destroyer that was sired down about one and one-half miles beyond our lines in enemy territory. Armed with carbines we set out on foot. On our way we passed a fire break, crossed a road, discovered and circled an enemy machinegun outpost and finally arrived at the open space where the M-10 was located. Captain Cook made his way out to the destroyer and then waved Lt. Ellis and me to come on. I was warned to be careful of booby traps when I got into the destroyer, but not finding any I removed the radio and crystals, and passed them out to Lt. Ellis. We then returned to the Company C.P.

Cpl Burgess

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November 1944.

Henry C. Fisher

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Major, P.A.,
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On the morning 4 October 1944, Captain Cook visited me at my platoon C.P. in Schlausenbach Wood. He informed me that he was going to attempt to retrieve an SCR 610 radio and a box of crystals from a destroyer which was mined and abandoned about a mile beyond the 12th Infantry outposts and requested volunteers to accompany him. Corporal Burgess and I immediately volunteered for the undertaking - Corporal Burgess being a radio man.

We set out on a course frequented by friendly patrols and proceeded by infiltration to our objective. Shortly after clearing the infantry outposts Captain Cook who was leading the patrol signaled us to "take cover" and indicated the presence of an enemy to our immediate front. With the utmost caution we altered course in an effort to circumvent this obstacle. Taking advantage of the thick undergrowth we succeeded in this maneuver and about thirty minutes later came upon the clearing in which the destroyer was mined.

After a hasty surveillance of the situation Captain Cook worked his way to the vehicle's side while Corporal Burgess and I covered his move. Corporal Burgess followed and climbed aboard and I took up a position from which I could best commit myself if need arose. Corporal Burgess quickly and efficiently removed the radio and equipment disregarding possible booby traps or the possibility of detection and restraining enemy action. Taking the radio and the box of crystals we then proceeded back to our own lines.

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