

Albrook Sergeant's 1944 Deed Wins Him Soldier's Medal

Technical Sergeant Henry Erben of Flight B, 1st Rescue Squadron, Albrook Air Force Base, was presented with the Soldier's Medal by Brigadier General Emil C. Kiel, commanding general of the Caribbean Air Command, at a recent ceremony in the Albrook base theatre.

The medal was presented to Erben for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy when he was stationed in 1944 at the Redistribution Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

During the height of an Atlantic coast hurricane Erben, on guard duty at the Ambassador Hotel on the boardwalk, learned that an aged woman had suffered a heart attack while working in her antique shop.

Despite the high winds and the water washing over the boardwalk, Erben made his way to the shop and succeeded in carrying the woman back to the safety of the hotel.

Sergeant Erben, whose home is in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, is a veteran of ten years service. He is a member of the pararescue team of Flight B, 1st Rescue Squadron.