

Citations for Medals

Distinguished Flying Cross

Soldier's Medal

Bronze Star

Purple Heart



The **Distinguished Flying Cross** is awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States armed forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight Purple. . ."

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SECTION II

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Major JOE P BAIRD, 0-403702, Air Corps, United States Army, (Missing), Next of Kin: Mrs. Dorothy G Baird, 527 Curley Street, Prescott, Arizona (Wife). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 9 January 1945. Major BAIRD was Airplane Commander on a bombing mission of Tokyo, Japan. Accompanied by only one other aircraft, he taught only of the task to be done-dropping his bombs on the vital target. He continued his course to and over the target in the

face of heavy fighter opposition and performed his duties above and beyond the call of duty. His outstanding courage and extreme devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Major FRED L TRICKEY, JR., O-406064, Air Force, United States Army, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 22 December 1944. As Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft, Major TRICKEY, despite heavy structural damage resulting from enemy fighter attacks and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, succeeded in safely returning his airplane and crew to the home base. The loss of one engine in close proximity to the Japanese homeland seriously impaired his chances of surviving sustained enemy fighter attacks. Thereafter, the loss of the second engine on the same side of the aircraft occurred in the hours of darkness with a great distance of over-water flight remaining. Such performance as was necessary to successfully complete the journey on two-engine operation displays great heroism on the part of himself and his crew. Major TRICKEY'S superb handling of the aircraft in the face of such tremendous odds reflects great credit to himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain JAMES C. ARNOLD, O-417929 Air Corps United States Army. For heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 December 1944. Captain ARNOLD was Airplane Commander on B-29 type aircraft, which raided a vital target in the Japanese homeland. Due to inclement weather conditions at the takeoff, other Aircraft of the Squadron became separated from the lead element composed of Captain ARNOLD'S plane and two others. These three airplanes proceeded on course and flew over the target alone. The courage in the face of great odds and his high professional skill and airmanship contributed greatly to the success of the mission. His actions were a source of inspiration to all members of his crew, and reflect highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant ALFRED H. WILLIAMS, O-661905, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement and heroism while participating in aerial flight on 27 December 1944 as Airplane Commander of a B-29 type aircraft. The primary mission consisted of bombing a vital target on the Japanese mainland. Upon approaching the target, one engine became inoperative causing the loss in altitude and speed of the aircraft. Lt. WILLIAMS continued on his bombing run and succeeded in dropping his bombs on the target, despite constant enemy fighter attacks and anti-aircraft fire, which caused heavy damage to the airplane. As the airplane left the target, a further loss of altitude was encountered due to the loss of one engine and partial power loss of another engine. Upon commencing the homeward flight, the crew repelled three enemy fighters with the aid of another ship in the formation. A systematic removal of all equipment, which could cast overboard, was accomplished to allow the airplane and crew to make a successful return to the home base 1500 miles away. The professional skill, outstanding courage, and devotion to duty, displayed by Lt. WILLIAMS reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States.

Sergeant ROBERT W. WYMAN, 39263269, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroism while participating in aerial flight on 18 December 1944. Sergeant Wyman was the right gunner on a B-29 type aircraft, which was making a raid on a vital target in the area of Tokyo, Japan. Just prior to reaching the target he left sighting blister blew out. The resulting depressurization tore the mask from the face of the right gunner causing him to lose consciousness. Sergeant WYMAN obtained another mask and with the use of his own walk-around bottle quickly revived the gunner. The weather observer was called upon to assist the right gunner to a place of safety and while doing so tore the tube loose from his walk-around bottle and lost consciousness. Sergeant WYMAN left this position a

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second time and revived the weather observer by restoring the connection to the observer's oxygen supply. The alertness and quick action of Sergeant WYMAN in saving the lives of the two men was in accordance with the highest tradition of the service and reflects great credit on himself and he Army Air Forces.

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DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and under authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in Teleconference Message No. FN-17-1, dated 17 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officer:

Captain HOWARD M. CLIFFORD, 0789049, 871ST Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 22 December 1944. As Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft Captain CLIFFORD received severe damage to his airplane. Enemy shellfire injured No. 2 engine and the aircraft became further crippled when rammed by an enemy fighter. After the airplane left the Japanese coast, No 2 propeller started to run away and then spun off damaging the blades on No.1 propeller. This damage set up excessive vibrations in No.1 engine and caused the whole airplane to vibrate to the extent that it was impossible for the Navigator to accomplish accurate celestial fixes. Confronted by a long over water flight at night, Captain CLIFFORD with the aid of another airplane as an escort succeeded in bringing his airplane safely back to home base in the face of tremendous obstacles. Captain CLIFFORD'S act reflects great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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19 February 1945

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DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and under authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in Teleconference Message No. FN-17-1,

dated 17 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT E HAYNES, 01699114, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroism and extraordinary achievement with participation in aerial flight on 13 December 1944. Colonel Haynes was the leader of a squadron of B-29 aircraft engaged in a raid against Japan. Due to low visibility, and rain, the complete formation of the (10) airplanes was unable to assemble. Colonel HAYNES after making every effort to contact his second and third flight without success proceeded to the assigned target with only the lead flight of three (3) B-29's composing the formation. Although the small flight he led was persistently and accurately attacked by numerous enemy fighters and subjected to heavy, intense, and accurate anti-aircraft fire, Colonel HAYNES continued his bombing run over the target and obtained the best bombing results of the entire striking force. This display of coolness and courage in the face of intense enemy fire and very great odds was a source of inspiration to all bombers of his flight and reflects highest credit on himself and the military service.

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SECTION II

DISTINGUISHED FLYING -- By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and under authority delegated by the Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in Teleconference Message No. FN-17-1, dated 17 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers:

Captain IRVIN LINSAY SMITH, 0726022, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 December 1944. Captain SMITH was the navigator of the lead aircraft in a three-plane formation that participated in a daring strike against the enemy. The target was bombed successfully against heavy anti-aircraft fire and strong fighter opposition. Captain SMITH'S display of coolness and courage in the face of great odds, and high professional skill and airmanship contributed materially to the success of this mission. His notions were a source of inspiration to all members of the crew and reflect credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant RALEIGH E PHELPS, 0735919, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 December 1944. As bombardier of the lead airplane of a three-plane B-29 type aircraft formation, Lieutenant PHELPS successfully bombed a vital target in the heart of Japan in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and strong fighter opposition. Due to inclement weather conditions at the base at takeoff, other aircraft of the squadron became separated from the lead element. This element proceeded on course and over the target alone. Sixty-six percent of the bombs were spotted on the target. Lieutenant PHELPS'S display of coolness and courage in the face of intense enemy fire and his high professional skill and airmanship contributed materially to the success of the mission. His notions were a source of inspiration to all members of the crew, and reflect credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in historical missions from a base in the Marianas Islands against the homeland of Japan between 9 March 1945 and 19 March 1945. During this period the cities of Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe were struck with such force and determination that great areas were totally destroyed. Aircraft on each mission attacked these Japanese cities at precedent shattering low altitudes, introducing new and successful tactics with devastating results. Each fight was made without regard to personal safety in the face of ever-present damage from enemy fighters and heavy search-light-directed flak. These missions were flown over excessively long ranges through weather that was often adverse and necessitated instrument flying and increased navigational problems. There was ever present the possibility of mechanical failure and failure due to enemy action, necessitating subsequent ditching many miles at sea in hostile waters. The rapid succession in which each mission followed the other allowed a minimum time for rest and recuperation. In spite of weariness and fatigue, physical and mental strain, and the hazardous flying conditions the individuals listed below displayed such courage and skill so as to reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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- Captain Bernard J Mulloy, 0-431476, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Captain Henry H Simms Jr., 0791510, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Captain Pershing L Yon, 0432739, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Captain William C Campbell, 0-724517, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant John T Garvin, 0523519, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Andrew G Mayse, 0-404473, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Captain John S Pickerel, 0-427657, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant George Wolff, 0-379235, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Raleigh Wirth, 0-760690, Air Corps, United States Army.

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Major Keith N Merrill, 0-404374, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain James M Campbell, 0-441831, Air Corps, United States Army.

Captain Robert W Fox, 0-434096, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Herman J Brookman, 0-748342, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Edward R Campbell, 0386026, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Edward W Cutler, 0-26296, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain Warren H Delker, 0-433655, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain William A Kelley, 0-792995, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Harold E Sargent, 0-665123, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Harvey L Swenson, 0-795856, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Winton W Wheatley, 0-662522, Air Corps, United States Army.

871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Captain Walter L Geyer, 0-360049, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain James B Lampley, 0789182, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain Ted H Morgan, 0423951, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain Paul W Shaffrath, 0-427003, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Donald W Bowry, 0-794620, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain John G Crowder, 0800842, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Jarield B Francis, 0-733864, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain Dale G Gray, 0-726589, Air Corps, United States Army.
Honor, Carroll G., Capt. 0-793110, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION VIII

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to the authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in classified letter, file 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 16 July 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant EDWARD M COLSTON, 0867991, 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 June 1945. Lieutenant COLSTON was Flight Engineer on a B-29 aircraft which flew from a base in the Marianas Islands on a daylight bombing mission against industrial installations at Kobe, Japan. On take off, because of malfunction of the voltage regulator, the fluxgate

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compass, two turbo-amplifiers, fuses, fluorescent lights and miscellaneous wirings had burned out. When the aircraft was leveled off, Lieutenant COLSTON replaced all the fuses and utilized one amplifier to serve two turbos. Through his knowledge of the aircraft and his decisive corrective maintenance and manipulation of the burned out electrical system, he enabled the plane to maintain formation and reach the briefed target. Despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, his aircraft bombed the target with excellent results. On the return flight he repaired the voltage regulator on an auxiliary power unit, thus enabling the plane to land normally. The courage, skill and determination displayed by Lieutenant COLSTON in successfully accomplishing his assignment reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Staff Sergeant STEPHEN COCO, 12198208, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945. Sergeant COCO was Right Gunner on a Marianas Island base B-29 aircraft in a strike against a high priority target, the Nakajima-Tama engine plant at Tokyo, Japan. Clear weather from take off until they reached the target enabled the six-plant formation to maintain its position. From landfall to the bombing area intense, heavy and extremely accurate anti-aircraft fire was directed at them. Over the target large numbers of enemy fighters pressed their attacks to extremely close quarters. They repeated their attacks until Sergeant COCO and other gunners repulsed them. In these assaults by hostile fighters, Sergeant COCO was given credit for destroying two and damaging one other. Photographs showed that over fifty per cent of the bombs from this highly successful attack fell within 1000 feet of the aiming point. The skill and devotion to duty demonstrated by Sergeant COCO, who has completed more than twenty-six combat sorties reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Staff Sergeant WILLIE S NEWTON, 33632010, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945. Sergeant NEWTON was Left Gunner on the lead aircraft of a formation of B-29 type airplanes flying from a base in the Marianas Islands on a bombing attack against the dock and industrial area of Tokyo, Japan. From landfall to land's end and over the target, this aircraft was continuously under attack by large numbers of enemy airplanes, and intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. In spite of the intensity of these attacks and heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, this airplane dropped its bombs in the target area. Sergeant NEWTON'S airplane sustained considerable battle damage and was further subjected to numerous closely pressed attacks and near collision by enemy fighters. The courage and determination under fire displayed by Sergeant NEWTON who has completed twenty-two combat missions were exemplary. His professional ability and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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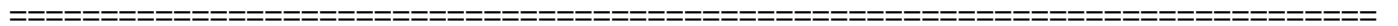
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SECTION V

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Captain ROBERT W FOX, 0434096, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 June 1945, Captain FOX was Airplane Commander of B-29 aircraft in the lead squadron of a formation on a bombing mission against the urban area of Kobe, Japan from bases in the Marianas Islands. Despite continuous opposition from anti-aircraft batteries from landfall to land's end and the strong fighter opposition over the target area, Captain FOX performed his duties with outstanding skill and disregard for personal safety contributing materially to the highly successful bombing accomplished by this formation. Numerous attacks by enemy fighters were sustained, one of which was an attempted collision, despite this strong anti-aircraft and fighter opposition, and he dropped his bombs with deadly accuracy in the target area. Photographs show great damage was inflicted on the built-up area of the city, thereby rendering a severe blow to the enemy. Captain FOX who has participated in more than twenty-four combat sorties demonstrated determination to attack the enemy. His courage and skill, which resulted in the successful accomplishment of this purpose, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.



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SECTION VI

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323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 16 July 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

Staff Sergeant EVERETT L CRUMP, 39460588, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 24 April 1945. Sergeant CRUMP was left gunner on a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a daylight bombing mission against the Hitachi aircraft plant, Japan. Adverse weather conditions at takeoff persisted until shortly before landfall but the small formation proceeded toward the target. Over the mainland, enemy anti-aircraft fire directed at them was intense and accurate. Numerous fighters attacked the small formation and many separate assaults were made at the tail section of the aircraft, but Sergeant CRUMP successfully warded off each attack and destroyed one of the fighters. Despite the intense opposition the plane continued on the bomb run and dropped the projectiles with devastating results. The determination, ability, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant CRUMP, who has completed more than twenty-five combat missions, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XI

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft in the land Squadron of a formation on a bombing mission against the urban area of Kobe, Japan, from a base in the Marianas Islands. Despite continuous opposition from anti-aircraft batteries from landfall to land's end and the strong fighter opposition over that target area, each man performed his duties with outstanding skill and disregard for personal safety, contributing materially to the highly successful bombing accomplished by this formation. Numerous attacks by enemy fighters were sustained, one of which was an attempted collision. Despite this strong anti-aircraft and fighter opposition, they dropped their bombs with deadly accuracy in the target area. Photographs show that great damage was inflicted on the built-up area of he city, thereby rendering a severe blow to the enemy. The determination of these individuals, who have completed over twenty-four combat sorties, together wit their skill and courage, which

resulted in successful accomplishment of their purpose, reflect the highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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- Second Lieutenant James T Doyle, 0-2060257, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant James J. Pattee, 0-775524, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant William Steller, 0-782981, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Master Sergeant Gerald O Toepper, 17316523, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant George E Whitfield, 15130387, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Elroy C Foley, 20653990, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Lawrence W Gallagher, 11121021, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Louis A Scarrazzo, 33706464, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Robert J Spring, 35919326, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Glenn F Stirswalt, 36750303, Air Corps, United States Army.

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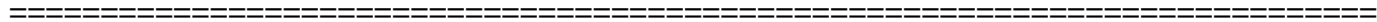
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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 24 April 1945. These flyers were the combat crew of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands, on a low level, daylight mission against the Hitachi aircraft plant at Tokyo, Japan. Adverse weather conditions from home base to the Japanese mainland necessitated the use of radar navigation. The fighter escort was prevented by the weather from joining the mission. Intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered from landfall to the target, and over the target area numerous enemy fighters, by closely pressed attacks, attempted unsuccessfully to break up the formation. This crew's aircraft was hit by a twenty millimeter shell in the glass nose section and was struck by anti-aircraft fire. However, they succeeded in damaging one fighter. Despite the consistent and intense enemy opposition, they continued on the bomb run, dropping their projectiles on the primary target with excellent results. The coordination and efficient functioning of this crew, veterans of more than twenty-one combat missions, in the face of intense enemy opposition, and their determination to complete the assigned mission, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Richard M Ash, 0725399, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Second Lieutenant William B Bunga, 0-828946, Air Corps, United States Army.
 First Lieutenant Grover C Cardwell, 0403512, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Second Lieutenant Jack H Vettters, 0-665143, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Master Sergeant Archie R Marr, 14046027, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Technical Sergeant George N Beck, 19207979, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Staff Sergeant Louis H Christensen, 12119861, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Staff Sergeant George E Wright, 38043673, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Sergeant Jean H Allen, 14178322, Air Corps, United States Army.



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SECTION XXV

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First Lieutenant MAURICE J BITTNER, 0702887, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 4 April 1945. Lieutenant BITTNER was Navigator on a B-29 type aircraft on a mission against the Tachikawa air arsenal, Japan. Heavy under cast weather from the home base in the Mariana Islands to the mainland of Japan made it necessary to use radar as a means of navigating. Separated from the rest of the formation this aircraft continued on the approach to the target despite the fact that enemy anti-aircraft fire was intense and accurate and that the plane was flying at a very low level. The bombs were dropped on the target and the aircraft was started on the long route to home base. After bombs away, the bomb bay doors would not close and a few moments later the Loren became inoperative. A high overcast prevented celestial navigation and the radar was so weak that only by his superior navigation was it possible to return the aircraft to a friendly base where, because of fuel shortage, an emergency landing was made. The professional skill, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant BITTNER who has completed more than twenty-eight combat sorties, reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM H CRISWELL, 0760795, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a bombing mission against the industrial area of Tokyo, Japan on 29 November 1944. Lieutenant CRISWELL was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft based in the Mariana Islands. Shortly before reaching the Japanese mainland adverse weather conditions made it necessary to use radar navigation. From landfall to the target area enemy anti-aircraft fire was moderate but accurate. Two of the engines malfunctioned while on the approach to the target run resulting in loss of power and putting additional strain on the remaining engines. Despite this loss of power, Lieutenant CRISWELL held the aircraft to the bomb run and the projectiles were dropped on the target with excellent results. Shortly after bombs away vital navigation and radar equipment became inoperative and only by his skillful piloting was the aircraft safely returned over the long water route to its home base. The professional skill, devotion to duty, and determination displayed by Lieutenant CRISWELL, who has completed more than twenty-three combat missions, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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Captain FILLMORE AVDEVICH, 0789433. (then First Lieutenant), 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 13 December 1944. Captain AVDEVICH was Radar Observer and Navigator of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against one of the most important and heavily defended industrial targets in the Japanese Empire, the Mitsubishi aircraft engine plant, Nagoya, Japan. He navigated his aircraft from its base in the Marianas Islands to the target area through adverse weather conditions. Despite heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire on the target approach, and prolonged and numerous enemy fighter attacks, he guided his aircraft through a highly successful bomb run, although the target was obscured by cloud cover. At land's end adverse weather conditions were again encountered, making celestial navigation impossible and necessitating the use of radar. The radio and electrical equipment were inoperative, adding to the other hazards of the long over-water flight to the home base. The skill, devotion to duty, and outstanding determination displayed by this veteran of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland resulted in the successful accomplishment of this mission and the safe return of the crew, thereby reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain WILLIS L SUTTON, 0665136, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 16 March 1945. Captain SUTTON was airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a low level night incendiary raid in Kobe, Japan. Adverse weather conditions at the takeoff necessitated instrument flying from his home base in the Marianas Islands until shortly before the Japanese mainland was reached. At this time a malfunction developed necessitating the feathering one propeller, but he elected to continue to the target on only three engines. On the approach to the target he encountered heavy and accurate flak causing considerable battle damage. Despite the loss of one engine, the battle damage and the intense enemy opposition, he held to the bomb run and dropped the projectiles on the primary target from the briefed altitude of 6,000 feet, scoring excellent results. The professional skill, devotion to duty, and the disregard for personal safety displayed by Captain SUTTON, veteran of more than twenty three combat missions, reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant SYLVESTER E WILCZYNSKI, 0683517, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 9 January 1945. Lieutenant WILCZYNSKI was pilot of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands, on a mission against Musashino-Nakajima aircraft factory at Tokyo, Japan. Separated from his group at the takeoff by severe weather conditions, he joined the formation on a coast of Japan and proceeded as briefed. While on the Bomb run he encountered heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, while more than one hundred fighters pressed their attacks on his formation to extremely close quarters. His aircraft sustained battle damage from the enemy opposition and suffered loss of power from one of the engines after it had been hit by flak. Undaunted by this severe opposition and the damage sustained by his aircraft Lieutenant WILCZYNSKI, veteran of more than twenty-eight combat missions, performed his duties with utter disregard for personal safety and with such high devotion to duty that he reflected great credit on himself and Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant ALBERT L. YOUNG JR., 0863604, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 23 May 1945. Lieutenant YOUNG was flight Engineer of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands in a raid against military installations in the city of Tokyo, Japan. Anti-aircraft fire was heavy and accurate and dozens of searchlights was sweeping the sky. A dense smoke cloud from fires started by preceding bombers rose between the aircraft and the aiming point. With Lieutenant YOUNG'S engineering, the aircraft was flown through the smoke cloud although powerful air currents tossed it about, ripping loose one of the bomb bay doors and damaging the retracting gears so that the door could not be closed. The aiming point was reached and the bombs were released on the target with devastating results. The damaged aircraft was flown to an emergency base where adverse conditions necessitated two hours of delayed flying before it was possible to land. The outrageous performance of Lieutenant YOUNG, veteran of more than twenty-two combat missions, in the face intense enemy opposition, his devotion to duty, and his disregard to personal safety reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XVIII

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 7 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a mission against the Musashimo aircraft engine plant, Tokyo, Japan. Flying as number three plane in the lead element, they were met by heavy barrages of ant-aircraft fire over the release point. Shortly before bombs away, the left gunner was struck in the face by a piece of shrapnel. Almost at the same instant, another fragment of flak crashed through a cockpit window, wounding the Airplane Commander. Hampered seriously by the battle damage to their plane and the injuries sustained by the two airmen, this valiant crew held to the bomb run, obtaining excellent results in the face of continued severe opposition. Strike photographs revealed that this relatively small force had scored forty direct hits on the factory. The coolness, devotion to duty, and determination displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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First Lieutenant George W Bennett, 0-2060184, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Second Lieutenant Arnold C Burkholder, 0-2065330, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Master Sergeant Arthur Rassias, 11037310, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Technical Sergeant John A Carabillo, 12087966, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Staff Sergeant Charles O Burke, 18232022, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Staff Sergeant Robert A Davis, 11080230, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Staff Sergeant James J Galligan, 42034640, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Staff Sergeant Richard T Lambert, 35683242, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Sergeant Clifford J Halstead, 42034146, Air Corps, United States Army.

871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Second Lieutenant Vernon L Karstens, 0-2061001, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Second Lieutenant Donald R Pedroni, 0-774754, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Second Lieutenant George L Petoff, 0-782953, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Technical Sergeant Jess W Riblett, 15069763, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Sergeant Harold H Luettschwager, 36933038, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Sergeant George Meranshian, 13176107, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Staff Sergeant William B Monroe, 31405507, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Staff Sergeant Herbert Small, 32781505, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Sergeant Edward Shahinian, 31426895, Air Corps, United States Army.
 Sergeant John Shahinian, 31423824, Air Corps, United States Army.

497th Bomb Group: Distinguished Flying Cross and Other Medals

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 7 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a bombing mission against the Musachino aircraft engine plant, Tokyo, Japan. From landfall to the target, they were subjected to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire and aggressive and persistent attacks by an estimated 130 interceptors. Despite this severe opposition, they released their projectiles with exceptional results. Strike photographs show a large concentration of hits in the target area. Immediately after bombs away fighters again closed in on the formation, causing serious damage to the plane flown by these crewmen. Repulsing the interceptors, they probably destroyed one and damaged another. The skill and disregard of personal safety demonstrated by these veterans of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland reflects great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Second Lieutenant George R Amunds, 0-809791, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Dick Griffen, 0-6759494, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a medium altitude daylight bombing mission against the Hitachi aircraft company, Tachikawa, Japan, on 24 April 1945. On the approach to the target the element was attacked by numerous enemy fighters who unsuccessfully attempted to break up the formation. One interceptor was damaged by this crew and

the rest were driven off. Over the target they encountered heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, and their airplane sustained considerable battle damage. Despite this hazard and the intense enemy opposition the aircraft continued on the bomb run and all the projectiles were dropped within 1,000 feet of the aiming point. Photographs show that the target was totally destroyed, inflicting a severe blow to the enemy. The devotion to duty, and the professional skill displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland in the successful completion of this mission reflect great credit upon themselves and the Army Air Forces.

871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Second Lieutenant Vernon L Karstens, 02061001, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Donald R Pedroni, 0-774754, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant George L Petoff, 0782953, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Master Sergeant Jess W Riblett, 15069763, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Harold H Luettschwager, 36933038, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant George Meranshian, 13176107, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant William B Monroe, 31405507, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Herbert Small, 32781505, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Edward Shahinian, 31426895, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant John Shahinian, 31423824, Air Corps, United States Army.

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First Lieutenant Colonel JAMES H ROSE, 0863363, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 10 November 1944 as Radar Observer on the first radar counter measure mission to Tokyo, Japan. Shortly after taking off from the home base in the Marianas islands an unknown storm area was penetrated resulting in severe icing conditions in the aircraft being blown from its briefed flight plan. Despite these adverse conditions the aircraft was flown to the target. Demonstrating professional skill in the operation of his equipment, Lieutenant ROSE was able to receive and record vital information on enemy radar and fighter control knots. The information he recorded on this pioneer radar counter

measure mission greatly increased our knowledge of the enemy's capability and strength, in the radar field and resulted in our increasingly effective radar counter measure program. The devotion to duty, ability and disregard of personal safety over unknown enemy territory displayed by Lieutenant ROSE, veteran of repeated missions over the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION I

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First Lieutenant ROBERT C ALLISON, 0684217, 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 23 March 1945. Lieutenant ALLISON was Pilot of a B-29 aircraft from a base in the Marianas on a maximum effort night incendiary mission against a high priority target, the urban and industrial area of Tokyo, Japan. At landfall, heavy and accurate flak was encountered, continuing to the target and to land's end. As the target was sighted, glowing brilliantly from earlier attacks, the aircraft was caught and hold in the center of a cone of searchlights. Immediately anti-aircraft fire became increasingly accurate, and enemy night fighters attacked rapidly and aggressively, causing battle damage to the plane. Smoke from the blazing target rose to a high altitude, at times completely enveloping the bomber adding the possibilities of collision with another B-29 to the many hazards present. Despite the obstacles of fighter attacks, anti-aircraft fire, thermals, turbulence, and possible collision, a highly successful bomb run was made. Reconnaissance photographs later proved this attack to be one of the most devastating missions against the Japanese mainland and a major factor in the ultimate destruction of fifty-one square miles of he city of Tokyo. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant ALLISON, veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant HANS M BISCHOFF, 0862863, 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as Flight Engineer of a B-29 aircraft on the first major bombing attack against Tokyo, Japan, on 24 November 1944. Adverse conditions, inadequate information on winds at

high altitudes, and limited fuel supply required exceptionally skillful engineering of the airplane at all times. Enemy flack was intense, heavy and accurate from landfall to the target and his plane sustained considerable damage, particularly to the fuel tanks causing heavy loss of gasoline. Numerous enemy fighters repeatedly attacked the formation, further damaging his already crippled bomber. Despite the intense opposition the airplane was held to the run, and the projectiles were dropped on he target. The successful return of this aircraft and crew from this first mission on a minimum amount of fuel was due primarily to the engineering skill of Lieutenant BISCHOFF, a veteran of repeated assaults against Japanese homeland. His high degree of professional skill and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Staff Sergeant PETER W MEDZVECKIS, 11105670, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 December 1944. Sergeant MEDZVECKIS was the left Gunner on a B-29 airplane on the first mission flow against the highly defended city of Nagoya, Japan. Due to hazardous weather conditions at the takeoff, his plane, along with two others became separated from the formation. Despite this fact these three airplanes proceeded on to the target. In the face of heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire they bombed the vital target with excellent results. Sergeant MEDZVECKIS' aircraft sustained heavy battle damage. Soon after landfall a malfunction developed in he number two engine. The propeller was feathered and he return flight to home base was made through adverse weather on three engines. Sergeant MEDZVECKIS' display of coolness and courage and his high degree of airmanship in the face of grave danger contributed materially to the success of this mission, and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

SECTION VIII

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) --By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to the authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in letter, file AG 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 22 June 1945 on a bomb _____ of the Kure Naval Arsenal, Kure, Japan. These individuals were combat crew members of the B-29 aircraft flying from a base in the Marianas. Adverse weather, with consequent instrument conditions, persisted from home base to the target area. The Squadron Leader and Deputy Leader failed to join the squadron at the designated assembly point and these individuals, even though they had not been designated as lead crew, assumed that position. They directed the eleven aircraft into formation despite the fact that weather conditions were an additional handicap. Over the target area, they encountered intense and accurate flak. The enemy threw up a heavy barrage of anti-aircraft fire

over the release point, but these flyers continued on the bomb run even though their plans sustained considerable damage and dropped the bombs on the primary target, scoring excellent results. The professional skill, devotion to duty, and combat efficiency displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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First Lieutenant George Wolff, 0-379235, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Juane W Bobo, 37332977, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant James R Burling, 0-703695, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Alphonse J Rivera, 0-703595, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945, as combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission from a base in the Marianas against the Musashino aircraft plant in Tokyo, Japan. From landfall to the target they were subjected to closely pressed enemy fighter attacks which inflicted damage to their airplane. Over the objective, flak was intense and accurate, causing further damage to their bomber and wounding one crew member. Despite this savage enemy opposition and the crippled condition of their plane they released their bombs I the assigned target area, damaging or destroying machine shops, powerhouses, and administrative and storage buildings. Immediately after bombs way fighters again attacked, pressing their strikes to land's end. The determination of these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland to bomb the target, and their professional skill and courage, which resulted in the successful accomplishment of this purpose, reflect credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Winton W Wheatley, 0-662522, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Harry L Brown, 17042099, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION XI

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authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in classified letter, file 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel ALBERT L HALEY, 0399524, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 9 March 1945. Colonel HALEY flew as acting Command Pilot of a squadron of B-29 aircraft on a low level, night incendiary attack from a base in Marianas against urban area of Tokyo, Japan. Flight to the target was made through adverse weather conditions, adding to the hazards of the long over water route. Nevertheless, he directed the squadron exactly to the target, arriving at the briefed time and place. Over the target, the formation met intense bombardment of the objective. Fifteen square miles of the Japanese capital were destroyed in this strike. Colonel HALEY, by his leadership and skill, contributed materially to the devastation of the target. The courage and airmanship demonstrated by this veteran of repeated assaults against the enemy homeland reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Major BELAH O'B PRICE, 0424293, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a high altitude, daylight bombing mission from a base in the Marianas against the Mitsubishi aircraft plant, Nagoya, Japan, 18 December 1944. Adverse weather conditions, necessitating use of radar and instrument flying, persisted from the take off until shortly before the target area was reached. As Deputy Leader of a squadron of B-29s, Major PRICE successfully joined his squadron at the assembly point and proceeded towards the target. In spite of frontal penetrations, under casts, and ice formations, Major PRICE, by skillful flying, was able to maintain his position in a tight formation. Over the target area they encountered heavy and intense flak, and numerous enemy fighters unsuccessfully attempted to break up the close formation. Disregarding the strong opposition, he continued on the bomb run, and the projectiles were dropped on the target with excellent results. The outstanding leadership, professional skill, devotion to duty, and determination displayed by Major PRICE, a veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit of himself and the Army Air Forces.

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Staff Sergeant WILLIAM ZELICKMAN, 32254506, 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Radar Operator of a B-29 aircraft on the first major bombing attack on Tokyo from the Marianas Islands, 24 November 1944. Adverse weather conditions, the necessity of avoiding enemy-held islands, inadequate information on winds at high altitudes, and limited fuel supply required the skillful use of radar as a navigational aid. Anti-aircraft fire was intense, heavy, and accurate from landfall to the target and the bomber sustained considerable damage, requiring the feathering of a propeller. Numerous fighters repeatedly attacked the formation, but were driven off. Despite the intense opposition, the B-29 was held to the bomb run, and the projectiles synchronized with the leader. The successful return of this aircraft on three engines was due in a large measure to Sergeant ZELICKMAN'S skillful use of radar as an aid to navigation. The professional skill, devotion to duty and combat proficiency displayed by this veteran of repeated assault against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

SECTION XXI

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against the Musashino aircraft plant in Tokyo, Japan. From landfall to the target the formation was subjected to closely pressed enemy fighter attacks, which inflicted battle damage to their airplane. Over the target intense and accurate aircraft fire caused additional damage and wounded two of the crew members. The gunnery system was shot out leaving only one turret operative with which to defend themselves. The radio compass was also shot out and a burst of flak damaged the control cables making it extremely difficult to keep the aircraft in formation. Despite savage enemy opposition and the crippled condition of their bomber they dropped their bombs in the assigned target area causing damage or destruction to the machine shops, powerhouses, and administrative and storage buildings. Immediately after bombs away enemy fighters again attacked, pressing their assaults to land's end. The determination of these veterans of repeated strikes against the enemy to bomb the target and their professional skill and courage which resulted in the successful accomplishment of this purpose, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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Second Lieutenant Horace Mann, 02057974, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Robert G Melonbacker, 0782936, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Hobert J Moore, 0775484, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Henry F Krupiczewicz, 16042445, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Frederick V Buge, 19181170, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Emmett H Thomas, 38484751, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Louis J DeValentine, 18169235, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Robert E Foster, 18163541, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant William A Hunt, 18225765, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION XXII

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323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group.

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 9 July 1945, as combat crew members of a Marianas-based B-29 aircraft on the first incendiary strike against the city of Sakai, Japan. Flying in the radar counter measure aircraft on this mission. They preceded the main striking force of airplanes, dropped their pathfinder bombs on the target, and then circled the area for forty-five minutes, jamming enemy radar installations. During this long period, they were subjected to intense, ad accurate anti-aircraft fire, directed by numerous searchlights. So effectively did they carry out their assigned task, that as a result of their bombs and anti-radar operations, the target was easily observed, and only a minimum of the large number of B-29's that struck the target were damaged. All of the planes were able to return to base. Aluminum, chemical, machinery, and cotton factories, as well as one of the largest powder plants in the Empire, were heavily damaged or destroyed. The high degree of determination, and professional skill displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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- Captain, James A Moore, 0428518, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Flight Officer Wavel L Adams, T5556, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Flight Officer Floyd D Ashcraft, 7033233, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Flight Officer Richard J Drill, T134549, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Flight Officer Norman S Horowitz, T126766, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Normand A Courtois, 11111175, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Frank R Laughlin, 15323602, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Duard Gentry, 35725450, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Edward W Hall, 33611468, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Frank L Hale, 33682343, Air Corps, United States Army.

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delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in letter, file AG 323,subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6th August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a daylight bombing mission against the Tachiarai airfield, Kyushu, Japan 17 April 1945. These individuals flew as combat crew members of a B-29 based in the Marianas. Heavy frontal formations en route to the target necessitated accurate radar navigation and excellent flying ability. On the first bomb run they observed that the enemy aircrafts were not parked as briefed. They made a second run on a different aiming point amid heavy and accurate flak and fiercely attacking fighters. One crew member was wounded, and the central fire control equipment was rendered inoperative. Despite the damage sustained, they probably destroyed one enemy fighter and worked efficiently to make it possible to drop their bomb on the primary target. They scored exceptional results. The combat proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults on the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Captain Edward F Grant, 0797519, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Richard L Peterson, 0827823, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Henry Soo Hoo, 02061070, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant John G Street Jr., 02061284, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Master Sergeant Alfred De Silva, 19040006, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Harry D Braumbaugh, 33250003, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Donald R McDonald, 33733770, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Robert J Paul, 12074526, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant LeRoy J Mueller, 36808504, Air Corps, United States Army.

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First Lieutenant JOHN B ADAMS, 0863736, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while

participating in aerial flight 16 March 1945. Lieutenant ADAMS was Flight Engineer of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas which bombed the high priority target of Kobe, Japan. Flying at 28,000 feet it was discovered that headwinds of phenomenal velocity existed over the Japanese mainland. The bomber was held to a speed so slow that much greater amounts of gasoline had to be used in the target area than had been anticipated. Lieutenant ADAMS recognized the seriousness of this fuel problem at once and immediately after the bomb run made drastic emergency adjustments to maintain gasoline consumption at an absolute minimum. The ship was brought safely to home base, but a with a fuel reserve so low that all four engines ceased functioning on the landing strip. The skill demonstrated by Lieutenant ADAMS, veteran of repeated assaults against the enemy, performing his important duties, thus saving his crew and airplane reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM P BABITS, 31417272, 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 28 July 1945. Sergeant BABITS was Radar Operator of a B-29 aircraft on an individual night incendiary raid from a base in the Marianas against the city of Ichinomiya, Japan. Adverse weather conditions en route to the target necessitated almost continuous use of the radar equipment. This city had been warned beforehand that it was to be bombed by the B-29's. Flak over the target was heavy, while several night fighters were in the immediate vicinity, and numerous searchlights covered the sky. As the target was neared a dense smoke cloud rose to a height of 17,000 feet over the city. Despite these unfavorable conditions a highly successful radar bomb run was made, and the projectiles were dropped on the city with devastating results. Reconnaissance photographs later proved that over seventy-five percent of the city had been completely destroyed. The professional skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant BABITS, veteran of repeated missions against the Japanese homeland, contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the mission and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION IV

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) --By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by Deputy Commander Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18th December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying-Cross to the following named officers, organizations indicated:

For extraordinary achievements while participating in historical missions from a base in the Marianas Islands against the homeland of Japan between 9 March 1945. During this period the cities of Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe were struck with such force and determination that great areas were totally destroyed. Aircraft on each mission attacked these Japanese cities at precedent shattering low altitudes, introducing new and successful tactics, with devastating results. Each flight was made without regard to personal safety in the face of ever present danger from enemy fighters and heavy search-light-directed flak. These missions were flown over excessively long ranges through weather that was often adverse and necessitated instrument flying and increased navigational problems. There was ever present the possibility of mechanical failure and failure due to enemy action, necessitating subsequent ditching many miles at sea in hostile waters. The rapid succession in which each mission followed the other allowed a minimum time for rest and recuperation. In spite of weariness and fatigue, physical and mental strain, and the hazardous flying conditions the individuals listed below displayed such courage and skill as to reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces:

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Wilfred N Lind, O-795783, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant Robert J Conway, O-2044865, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION III

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating I aerial flight as combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a mission against a high priority target, the Nakajima-Tama Aircraft Plant at Tokyo, on 27 January 1945. The approach to the target was made through heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, and over the target the airplane was attacked by a large number of enemy fighters and sustained moderate damage. Despite the fierce enemy resistance the bombs from their aircraft were dropped on the target with excellent results. Their devotion to duty, airmanship, and complete disregard for their personal safety contributed materially to the success of the mission and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Second Lieutenant Richard C Bauml, 0866676, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Benjamin R Lemmon, 0-777722, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Robert A Maloy, 0777288, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Technical Sergeant Frank J Oblock, 36129162, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Alvin J C Bordon, 18077412, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant David R Caldwell, 39411743, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant John J Ciezarek, 16140803, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Felix G Liles, 34445465, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant James H Braun, 15127415, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION IV

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 June 1945. These individuals were crew members of a B-29 aircraft participating in a bombing mission against the urban area of Kobe, Japan. From land fall to target to land's end the formation was subjected to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. While over the target area the formation was attacked by large numbers of enemy aircraft that pressed their determined attacks to extremely close quarters and made attempts to break up the formation. Despite this strong opposition, they bombed the target with excellent results. The courage, ability and skill displayed by these individuals while under fire, and their determination to carry out an assigned mission reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Second Lieutenant Clarence F Gansberg, 0-771376, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Henry P Vesley, 0-2058048, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Stanley J Wadach, 0-812016, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Technical Sergeant, Leo E Begin, 31373560, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant, Charles K Doty, 15382698, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant John E Hodgson Jr., 33705872, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Steven M Humy, 16087333, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Monroe L Karcher, 38420745, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Carrol D Lenderman, 38450887, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION V

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the

Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 11 May 1945. These individuals were crew members of a B-29 aircraft participating in a bombing mission against the Kawahishi Aircraft Plant, Kobe, Japan. Weather conditions were adverse from home base to the target and on the return flight necessitating constant use of instruments. Over the target area heavy opposition was encountered from anti-aircraft fire and aggressive enemy fighter attacks. In face of these obstacles a last minute visual bomb run was accomplished. Bomb hits were made on the target and large fires observed. The exemplary coolness and efficiency displayed by these individuals materially contributed to the success of the mission. Their courage, skill, and determination in accomplishing their assigned tasks reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Second Lieutenant, Walter H Piker Jr., 0-777635, Air Corps, United States Army.

Second Lieutenant, William F Guy, 0-698702, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant, George M Peterson, 0-698639, Air Corps, United States Army.

First Lieutenant, Patrick B Quinn, 0-868591, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant Edward F Gaeron, 32855468, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Harry R Hill, 16122677, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant James E Keenan, 31431859, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant John L Powell, 14016111, Air Corps, United States Army.

Sergeant John T Jenkins, 33696149, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION VI

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945. These individuals were combat crewmembers of a B-29 aircraft participating in a bombing mission against the Masashino Aircraft Engine Plant, Tokyo, Japan. From Landfall to the target, the formation was subjected to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, and to large numbers of enemy aircraft that pressed their attacks with a vicious determination to destroy the B-29 airplanes. Immediately after bombs away, enemy aircraft again attacked the formation, causing further battle damage to the already crippled aircraft. Despite such opposition, each individual performed his duties with exemplary coolness and efficiency, contributing materially to the teamwork that enabled his crew to place the weight of bombs in the assigned target area with devastating accuracy. The high professional skill and disregard to personal safety in the performance of his duty displayed by these men reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Howard Leonard, 0806092, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Samuel W Borst, 15399122, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION VII

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 February 1945. These individuals were crew members of a B-29 aircraft leading a formation of planes on a bombing mission against the Industrial target at Nagoya, Japan. Severe weather conditions from home base to landfall made formation assembly extremely difficult and only a few aircraft were assembled. Due to the small number of airplanes in the formation each aircraft received a heavy concentration of anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition causing considerable damage. Repeated attacks from enemy fighters were successfully repulsed while bombing the primary target with excellent results. The superior airmanship, leadership and determination to carry out the assigned task displayed by these crew members reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Reuben M Brown, 0-760773, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Charles B Francis, 0-865181, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Morris H Newhouse, 0-811721, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Gerald J Rau, 0-2057819, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Emanuel B Smith, 39127293, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William C Banker, 19163179, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Carl H Barthold, 17133162, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Joseph A R Boisvert, 11040438, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Edward P Didier, 31382515, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION VIII

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945. These individuals were crew members of B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against the Masashino Plant of

the Nakajima Aircraft Company, Tokyo, Japan. The flight was accomplished during daylight hours over a heavily defended target and at low altitude. Although one engine was inoperative from damage by anti-aircraft fire and in spite of the closely pressed fighter attacks their aircraft successfully bombed the primary target and accomplished the hazardous flight to home base. Their display of high professional skill, devotion to duty and courage reflect the highest credit to themselves and the Army Air Forces.

871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Lawrence Luxenberg, 0-668988, Air Corps, United States Army
Second Lieutenant Murray J Moore, 0-1297231, Air Corps, United States Army
Second Lieutenant Sanford G Simmons, 0-829323, Air Corps, United States Army
Master Sergeant Carl E Klinetob, 33118042, Air Corps, United States Army
Technical Sergeant John J Cunningham, 34881701, Air Corps, United States Army
Staff Sergeant Arthur D Masonheimer, 42072048, Air Corps, United States Army
Staff Sergeant Charles I Stilwell, 13169515, Air Corps, United States Army
Sergeant Donald J Clees, 36866252, Air Corps, United States Army
Sergeant John D Ebbs, 36773932, Air Corps, United States Army
Sergeant John C Franks, 33829929, Air Corps, United States Army

SECTION IX

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a mission against high priority target the Kawanishi Aircraft Plant at Kobe, Japan, 11 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft which led the second flight element of a composite group formation which dropped a devastating load of bombs on the primary target. Despite intense enemy anti-aircraft fire which damaged the control system of the aircraft and pressing enemy fighter attacks, their aircraft maintained formation and successfully bombed the target securing excellent results. On the flight from the target area to the coast, the crew fought off repeated enemy fighter attacks and by close cooperation of all crew members, the damaged aircraft was flown out of danger and landed at its home base. Their devotion to duty, courage and determination and the skillful coordination of their efforts contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of this mission, and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant James E Carson, 0702899, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Robert N Davison, 0702907, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant William H Fox, 0760820, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Herman J Grabenstein, 0863988, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Albert N Leibowitz, 32094364, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Leroy E Gillies, 37491618, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Louis F Leonard, 13156138, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Paul J Linden, 16145379, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Herbert R Linville, 35698768, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John J Megeaski, 11084367, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William Prince Jr., 35598268, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John B Skaggs, 15338735, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION X

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 as combat members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against an important factory in Tokyo. These individuals destroyed nine and probably destroyed two others of a force of enemy fighters that made some three hundred attacks on the formation. Despite these intense attacks and accurate, heavy anti-aircraft fire they successfully bombed the assigned target. Over the target an aircraft was severely damaged and forced to drop out of the formation. They went to the assistance of the crippled plane, and provided fire cover for it to land's end. They escorted the disabled aircraft until it was finally forced to ditch in enemy waters. Circling the ditched aircraft they accurately established its position and radioed this information to the nearest rescue craft. Then disregarding the danger of possible attack from nearby enemy held bases and the long, perilous, over-water route to their home base they dropped their own emergency equipment to the survivors. Because of lack of fuel and approaching darkness they were forced to leave the ditched aircraft. The high professional skill demonstrated by these individuals in the performance of their assigned duties and their courageous action in placing the safety of their comrades above their own are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Raymond Bonomo, 0-699115, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Warren G Bopp, 0-868626, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Richard B Jones, 0-702926, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Henry C Watters, 0685221, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Frank B Carroll Jr., 18138231, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Wallace P Buran, 14090642, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Frank J Marko, 33706522, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John J Megeaski, 11084367, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William Prince Jr., 35598268, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John B Skaggs, 15338735, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION XV

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers:

Captain DONALD W BOWRY, 0794620, 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945. Captain BOWRY was Airplane Commander of a -29 aircraft on a bombing mission to the Musashino Plant of the Nakajima Company, Tokyo, Japan. This flight was accomplished during daylight hours over a heavily defended target and at a very low altitude. Although one engine was inoperative from damage by anti-aircraft fire and in spite of the closely pressed fighter attacks his aircraft successfully bombed the primary target and accomplished the hazardous flight to home base. His display of high professional skill, devotion to duty and courage reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain JAMES M CAMPBELL, 0441831, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 February 1945. Captain CAMPBELL was Airplane Commander leading a formation of planes on a bombing mission against an industrial target at Nagoya, Japan. Severe weather conditions from home base to landfall made formation assembly extremely difficult and only a few aircraft were assembled. Due to the small number of airplanes in the formation each aircraft received a heavy concentration of anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition causing considerable damage. Repeated fanatical attacks from enemy fighters were successfully repulsed while bombing the primary target with excellent results. The superior airmanship, leadership and determination to carry out the assigned task displayed by Captain CAMPBELL reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Force.

Captain WILLIAM C CAMPBELL, 0724517, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against a high priority aircraft factory, the Nakajima-Tama Aircraft Plant at Tokyo, Japan, on 7 April 1945. On the approach to the target the anti-aircraft fire was heavy and accurate. The retracting gear of the bomb bay doors was damaged to such an extent that it was impossible to close the doors. Skillful piloting overcame the additional drag and enabled the aircraft to stay in formation until after it had left the Japanese mainland. Meanwhile superior coordinated defense by the gunners repulsed seventeen attacks by enemy fighters and obtained credit for three enemy fighters damaged and one destroyed. Although his own aircraft was damaged, it served as a guide for a more severely damaged

aircraft, navigating it to an emergency landing base. The outstanding bravery and skillful leadership displayed by Captain CAMPBELL in the face of severe and continuous enemy opposition reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain JOHN G CROWDER, 0800842, 871th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a mission against a high priority target, to Kawanishi Aircraft Plant at Tokyo, Japan, on 11 May 1945, Captain CROWDER was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft which led the second flight element of a composite group formation which dropped a devastating load of bombs on the primary target. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire which damaged the control system of the aircraft, and pressing enemy fighter attacks, Captain CROWDER'S aircraft maintained formation and successfully bombed the target scouring excellent results. On the flight from the target area to the coast, the crew fought off repeated enemy fighter attacks and by close cooperation of all crew members, the damaged aircraft was flown out of danger and landed at its home base. Captain CROWDER'S devotion to duty, courage and determination, and the skillful coordination of his efforts with those of his crew contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of this mission, and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain CARROLL G HORNOR, 0793110, 871th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against an important aircraft factory in Tokyo. Captain HORNOR and his crew are credited with the destruction of nine and probably destroyed two others of a force of enemy fighters that made some three hundred attacks on his formation. Despite these intense attacks and accurate, heavy anti-aircraft fire his aircraft successfully bombed the assigned target. Over the target an aircraft was severely damaged and forced to drop out of the formation. Captain HORNOR went to the assistance of the crippled plane and provided fire cover for it to land's end. His plane escorted the disabled aircraft until it was finally forced to ditch in enemy waters. Circling the ditched aircraft he accurately established its position and radioed this information to the nearest rescue craft. Then disregarding the danger of possible attack from nearby enemy held bases and the long, perilous, over-water route to his base his aircraft dropped its own emergency equipment to the survivors. Because of lack of fuel and approaching darkness he was forced to leave the ditched aircraft. The high professional skill demonstrated by Captain HORNOR in the performance of his assigned duties and his courageous action in placing the safety of his comrades above his own are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army Air Forces.

Captain EDWARD R CAMPBELL, 0386026, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 June 1945, Lieutenant CAMPBELL was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft participating in a bombing mission against the urban area of a Kobo, Japan. From land fall to target, to land's end, his formation was subjected to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. While over the target area the formation was attacked by large numbers of enemy aircraft that pressed their determined attacks to extremely close quarters in attempts to break up the formation. Despite this strong opposition, he bombed the target with excellent results. The courage, ability and skill displayed by Lieutenant CAMPBELL while under fire, and his determination to carry out his assigned mission reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant NATHAN RICHMAN, 0777937, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 on a bombing mission against an important air depot

on the island of Kyushu , Japan. Lieutenant RICHMAN flew as Bombardier of a B-29 aircraft leading an element of a formation of planes. Approach to the target was made through a heavy overcast, which broke up shortly before the target was reached. As the formation came into the clear and entered on its bomb run, Lieutenant RICHMAN made the necessary corrections and so accurately released his bombs that a high percentage of the bombs were dropped on the target with devastating effect. Hangars, shops and parked enemy fighters were damaged or destroyed. Lieutenant RICHMAN'S high professional skill, courage and determination reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

SECTION XVII

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant FRED R SPIES, 0806000, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 49th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945, as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft participating in a bombing mission against the Murashino Aircraft Engine Plant in Tokyo, Japan. From landfall to the target the formation was subjected to closely pressed enemy fighter attacks, which inflicted moderate damage to his airplane. Over the target anti-aircraft fire was intense and accurate and a burst of enemy flak damaged the control cables of his aircraft making it difficult to keep the plane in formation. Despite savage enemy opposition and the damaged condition of his aircraft he dropped his bombs in the assigned target area causing damage or destruction to machine shops, power houses and administrative and storage buildings. Immediately after bombs away enemy aircraft again attacked, pressing their attacks to land's end. Lieutenant SPIES'S determination to bomb the target and his professional skill and courage which resulted in the successful accomplishment of this purpose reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers of the 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against Japanese Empire on 19 January 1945. These officers and enlisted men, crew members of the lead airplane of a Group formation of B-29 aircraft, successfully bombed the highly defended Kawasaki Aircraft Plant at Akashi, Japan. Adverse weather was encountered on route to the mainland, yet the formation was properly assembled and led toward the target. Low clouds, fog, and haze obscured the approach to the target necessitating the use of radar. As the flight neared the aiming point, the weather cleared leaving the target unobstructed. Although the formation was subjected to anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighters, these individuals, unmindful of these hazards, continued on an exact bomb run and scored excellent results. The courage of these men displayed under the hazards of combat and the high professional skill exhibited in destroying the target reflect the highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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Lieutenant Colonel Frank L. Davis, 0397488, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain Clyde H Smith, 8741761, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Keith W. Duffield, 0702345, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Jacob J. Coleman, 13167932, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION VI

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers:

Major JOHN W CARROLL, 0437927, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a mission against an important air depot on the island of Kyushu, Japan, on 27 March 1945. Major CARROLL, Command Pilot of a group of B-29 aircraft, led his group toward the coast of Japan through a heavy overcast. Even though it was believed that the primary target was nine-tenths overcast, Major CARROLL rejected the alternative of bombing the secondary target and continued toward the air depot. The clouds broke about fifteen miles in front of the primary target and the depot was sighted through a haze from an altitude of 15,000 feet. The sky was clear over the target and Major CARROLL'S formation dropped their bombs visually, all bombs falling within the briefed target area. Many of the bombs were observed to explode directly on hangars and assembly shops and among a large number of parked aircraft thereby causing very great damage to the depot. Major CARROLL'S determination to land his formation to the primary target despite bad weather, together

with the excellent results achieved by the aircraft under his command, reflect the highest credit on himself and on the Army Air Forces.

Captain NOEL S ALTON, 0729594, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a mission against an important air depot on the island of Kyushu, Japan, on 27 March 1945. Captain ALTON, Navigator on the lead plane of a group of B-29 aircraft, led the group to the coast of Japan by radar through a heavy overcast. The primary target was known to be nine-tenths overcast. Captain ALTON navigated the formation overland through clouds and onto the bomb run by radar. The cloud layer showed signs of breaking up about 15 miles before the target was reached, and the air field was sighted through a haze. Captain ALTON'S skillful navigation had brought the formation to within a few miles of the primary target on an on-concourse heading. The target was bombed visually with excellent results. Captain ALTON'S unerring ability was a primary factor in the success of the mission. His skill and determination reflect the highest credit on himself and on the Army Air Forces.

Captain TOD H MORGAN, 0423951, 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 10 February 1945 as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against an important aircraft plant at Ota, Japan. While on the bomb run aggressive enemy fighters, pressing their attacks to extremely close range, shot out one engine of his aircraft and damaged a fuel tank. Unable to maintain his place in the formation he flew the lone plane to the coast where he successfully bombed an airfield. Almost immediately the hostile fighters resumed their attacks on his aircraft and despite its crippled condition four of the attacking fighters were destroyed before he reached land's end. Through his superior airmanship and skill he flew the aircraft to its home base on three engines. Captain MORGAN displayed exceptional bravery and determination in attacking the enemy despite great obstacles thereby reflecting great credit on himself and Army Air Forces.

Captain JOHN F. SNEDAKER, 0424691, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a mission against an important aircraft factory in Tokyo, Japan, on 7 April 1945. Captain SNEDAKER Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft, led a Group of B-29 airplanes to the initial point and to the primary target through intense and extremely accurate enemy antiaircraft fire and heavy fighter opposition. The lead aircraft sustained flak damage to both wings. Although the loran and radar had been inoperative shortly before reaching the assembly point, Captain SNEDAKER continued on to the primary target and navigation was accomplished by dead reckoning. When the target was reached the aircraft was on on-course heading. All bombs dropped from the lead plane hit within 1000 feet of the briefed aiming point with excellent results. Captain SNEDAKER'S determination to lead his formation to the primary target and the excellent results achieved by the aircraft under his command reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers of the 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 as combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against an important aircraft factory in Tokyo, Japan. On the approach to the target heavy damage to the open bomb bay doors, fuselage and right wing of their aircraft inflicted by enemy fighters and anti-aircraft fire forced the plane out of the formation. Despite they continued on determined to bomb the assigned target. Under repeated attacks by enemy fighters, three of which were destroyed, they flew through heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire to release their bomb on the industrial area of Tokyo. The determination of these individuals to bomb the target and their courage and skill, which resulted in the successful accomplishment of this purpose reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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Major John F. Snedaker, 0424691, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Eugene C. Walters, 36161808, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION XI

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers:

Colonel ARNOLD T JOHNSON, 019989, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 19 January 1945 and on 5 May 1945. Colonel JOHNSON twice led devastating bombing missions against the industrial resources of the Japanese Empire. On 19 January, flying as Commander of a group formation of B-29 aircraft, he led his command through unfavorable weather conditions and enemy fighter and anti-aircraft opposition to drop his bombs with unerring accuracy on the Kawasaki Aircraft Plant at Akashi, Japan. On 5th May, as Wing Commander, Colonel JOHNSON led his formation though intense fighter and anti-aircraft opposition to a devastating bombardment of the Hiro Naval Aircraft Factory, Kure, Japan, directing the bombardment with such accuracy as to accomplish a nearly total destruction of this vital target. Colonel JOHNSON, but high professional skill and courageous leadership, was primarily responsible for these two devastating blow against the enemy's industrial strength. His devotion to duty in the face of great danger reflects great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant WESLEY D TRIBBETT, 0738297, 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 17 April 1945 on a bombing mission against a vital target on the

Japanese mainland. Although confronted by intense enemy fighter opposition, Lieutenant TRIBBETT continued to his assigned target. On bomb run his aircraft received numerous hits from enemy fighter fire but determined to attack the enemy despite the damaged condition of his plane, he bombed the enemy installation. After releasing the bombs further aggressive fighter attacks were sustained and the cumulative damage left Lieutenant TRIBBETT'S aircraft in a most critical condition. Faced with the imminent danger of ditching many miles at sea, with many of his controls shot away and with only the most precarious control of his engines remaining, Lieutenant TRIBBETT, through exceptional airmanship, succeeded in returning to an emergency base. With great skill he accomplished an extremely hazardous landing without brakes, which had suffered combat damage. Lieutenant TRIBBETT'S determination, high professional ability and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

SECTION XII

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 10 February 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of the B-29 aircraft flying on a bombing mission against an important aircraft plant at Ota, Japan. While on the bomb run aggressive enemy fighters, pressing their attacks to extremely close range, shot out one engine and damaged a fuel tank. Unable to maintain their place in the formation they proceeded along to the coast where they successfully bombed an airfield. Almost immediately the hostile airplanes resumed their attacks on the lone aircraft and despite its crippled condition four of the attacking fighters were destroyed before land's end was reached. Their coordinated effort and superior performance of duty contributed materially to the successful return of their aircraft to its home base on three engines. Each of these individuals displayed exceptional bravery and determination in attacking the enemy despite obstacles thereby reflecting great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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First Lieutenant Robert L. Illman, 0702923, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Hervey F. Paradis, 0685277, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Edward Septowski, 0864620, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Eugene R. Wallworth, 0693994, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant William E. Smith, 18052244, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William E. Furman, 15340487, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Warner C. Grindem, 36587801, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Richard D. Isles, 36339199, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION XV

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323, 361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers of the 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a mission against a high priority target, the Nokajima-Tamo Aircraft Plant at Tokyo, Japan, on 27 January 1945. The approach to the target was made through heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire, and over the target the airplane was attacked by a large number of enemy fighters and sustained moderate damage. Despite the fighter enemy resistance the bombs from their aircraft were dropped on the target with excellent results. The devotion to duty, superior airmanship, undaunted courage, and complete disregard for their persona safety contributed materially to the success of the mission and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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Captain John T Garvin, 0523519, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Harold A Erlandson, 0696076, Air Corps, United States Army.

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6 July 1945

SECTION II

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Staff Sergeant ROBERT E MARTIN, 33496159, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. Next of kin: Mrs. Avoda Martin (Mother), RFD #3, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. For extraordinary achievement while participating in Ariel flight as a Tail Gunner on a bombing mission against a high priority aircraft factory, the Nakajima-Tama Aircraft Plant in Tokyo, Japan, on 7 April 1945. On the approach to the target the anti-aircraft fire was heavy and accurate. The retracting gear of the bomb bay doors was damaged to such an extent that it was impossible to close the doors. Skillful piloting overcame the additional drag and enabled the aircraft to stay in formation until after it had left the Japanese mainland. Meanwhile superior coordinated defense by the gunners repulsed seventeen attacks by enemy fighters and they were credited with

three enemy fighters damaged and destroyed. Although his own aircraft was damaged, it served as a guide for a more severely damaged aircraft, navigating it to an emergency-landing base. The efficient performance, and heroic action displayed by Sergeant MARTIN in the face of severe and continuous enemy opposition was outstanding and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

SECTION III

Staff Sergeant LESLIE H LANDIN, 39289265, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 April 1945 as Left Gunner of the B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against a high priority target, the Miyazaki Airfield on the Island of Kyushu. On the approach to the target Sergeant LANDIN and his crew took over the lead position and assumed responsibility for the bomb run, which they accomplished with great accuracy despite unfavorable weather conditions. Heavy anti-aircraft fire met the aircraft at the release line. In spite of all opposition Sergeant Landin courageously performed his duties with great efficiency, coordinating his efforts with those of his crew members. Over eighty per cent of the bombs landed within one thousand feet of the aiming line damaging runways and destroying buildings. Sergeant LANDIN'S determination and skill contributed materially to the effectiveness if this mission and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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10 July 1945

SECTION II

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-leaf Cluster to the Distinguished -Flying Cross to the following named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN H GRIFFITH, 021365, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 June 1945. Colonel GRIFFITH was Air Group Commander on this incendiary bombing mission launched from bases in the Marianas Islands against the urban area of Kobe, Japan. Despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire from land fall to target, to land's end, and persistent, aggressive enemy fighter attacks,

Colonel GRIFFITH led his group of B-29 aircraft to a devastatingly accurate bombardment of the target. Post mission photographs show that this and other formations burned out over four and one half square miles of this major Japanese city. Colonel GRIFFITH’S courage, determination, and leadership under fire were distinct contributions to the success of this mission, and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant EDWARD W CUTLER, 026296, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 18 April 1945. Lieutenant CUTLER was the Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft engaging in a bombing mission against the Tachiari Machine Works on the Island of Kyushu, Japan. Just before reaching the target he encountered intense and aggressive fighter attacks that continued to land’s end. Numerous holes were shot in the aircraft, two of the gun turrets were shot out and the rudder was almost completely shot away. Despite this severe damage to his aircraft and heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire over the target he dropped his bombs on the war plant with devastating accuracy. Lieutenant CUTLER’S skill and efficiency under fire contributed materially to the success of this mission. His courage, ability and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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12 July 1945

SECTION XVII

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (Oak Leaf Cluster)--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-leaf Cluster to the Distinguished -Flying Cross to the following named officers:

Captain PERSHING L YON, 0432739, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945, as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against the Mitsubishi Aircraft Plant at Tokyo, Japan. Anti-aircraft fire from landfall to target to land’s end, was intense and extremely accurate causing loss of one engine, loss of power in another engine and heavy damage too the rudder and elevator trim tabs. Despite the extensive damage and closely pressed fighter attacks, he continued on the briefed bomb-run and dropped his bombs on the primary target. Captain YON’S superior coordination in the face of heavy enemy opposition, his disregard of personal safety, and his

determination to complete the assigned mission reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

SECTION XVIII

First Lieutenant GEORGE NOONE, 0690704, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 24 April 1945 as Bombardier in the deputy lead aircraft of a formation of B-29 airplanes on a bombing mission against the Hitachi Aircraft Plant, Tokyo, Japan. Lieutenant NOONE'S formation was repeatedly attacked by numerous enemy fighters who pressed their attacks to extremely close range, inflicting considerable battle damage to his aircraft. Accurate anti-aircraft fire that varied from moderate to intense was encountered from landfall to the target, and on the approach to the target his aircraft sustained further damage. Despite this opposition and the damaged condition of his aircraft he continued on to the target and dropped the bombs with devastating results. Shortly after bombs away, a burst of anti-aircraft fire injured the navigator and Lieutenant NOONE immediately administered first aid to the injured crew member. He took over the responsibility as navigator and successfully navigated the aircraft on the long over-water route to base. Lieutenant NOONE'S professional skill as Bombardier, his capable administration of first aid, and his successful performance as navigator, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.



Soldier's Medal ribbon

"The **Soldier's Medal** is awarded to any person of the [Armed Forces](#) of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, distinguished himself or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy."

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16 February 1945

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SECTION IV

1 – THE SOLDIER’S MEDAL. – By direction of the President, under the provision of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and under authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in Teleconference Message No. FN-17-1 dated 17 December 1944; announcement is made of the award of the Soldier’s Medal to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM P STOVALL, 6563342, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroism 180 miles northwest of an island in the Marianas on 14 January 1945. The B-29 aircraft in which Sergeant STOVALL was flying caught fire and was ditched in the ocean. Sergeant STOVALL was the last man to leave the waist of the sinking

ship and found a one-man liferaft clear of the flames. Seeing another gunner who was injured and unable to reach a liferaft, Sergeant STOVALL swam to him through the gasoline burning on the water, thereby incurring burns on his legs. Completely disregarding his own safety Sergeant STOVALL was able to save the life of his companion. This heroic act reflects great credit on Sergeant STOVALL and the Army Air Forces.

Sergeant LAWRENCE W BEECROFT, 32069587, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroism 180 miles northwest of an island in the Marianas on 14 January 1945. The B-29 aircraft in which Sergeant BEECROFT was flying caught fire and was ditched in the ocean. Sergeant BEECROFT got clear of the sinking aircraft and managed to climb aboard a one-man liferaft. Despite violent sickness caused by swallowing large amounts of seawater and gasoline, and the fact that he was in extreme pain from severe burns, Sergeant BEECROFT guided his liferaft through burning water to the seriously injured navigator and pulled him aboard. Sergeant BEECROFT'S courage and heroism reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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17 February 1945

SECTION I

1 – THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL. – By direction of the President, under the provision of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and under authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in Teleconference Message No. FN-17-1 dated 17 December 1944; announcement is made of the award of the Soldier's Medal to the following enlisted men:

Captain HAROLD F SCHRAMM, 0406036, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroism at an army air field in the Marianas Islands on 7 December 1944. Captain SCHRAMM, disregarding possible injury or death while Japanese aircraft were strafing the area, personally assisted in extinguishing the fire in a B-29 aircraft, and handled the controls of another B-29, which was being towed from the vicinity of the burning airplane. The actions of Captain SCHRAMM in this instance reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) JOHN M CIEPLY, 0-864773, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroism at an Army air field in the Marianas Islands on 7 December 1944, while Japanese aircraft were strafing the area, Lieutenant CIEPLY, disregarding his own safety, personally assisted in removing the burning nose section of a B-29

aircraft, and directed the dispersal of another B-29 that was in danger of burning. As a direct result of his actions sufficient salvage parts were saved from the damaged plane to enable two additional aircraft to raid the enemy on the following day. The actions of Lieutenant CIEPLY reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Master Sergeant GURDEN B SWAIN, 6273802, 870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroism at an Army air field in the Marianas Islands on 7 December 1944. Sergeant SWAIN disregarding possible injury or death while Japanese Bombers were strafing the area, personally assisted in removing the burning nose section of a B-29 aircraft and assisted in the dispersal of another B-29 that was in danger of burning. As a direct result of his actions, sufficient salvage parts were saved to enable two additional aircraft to raid the enemy on the following day. The actions of Sergeant SWAIN in this instance reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant LEONARD SOBIOSKI, 33348941, 869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for heroism at an Army air field in the Marianas Islands on 27 November 1944. Sergeant SOBIOSKI was performing his normal duties of maintenance on B-29 aircraft. Suddenly three (3) Japanese planes flying low, strafed the ship on which he was working, starting a fire in the CFC compartment. An intense fire developed immediately causing the tail section to shear off the plane. Sergeant SOBIOSKI ran for a cletrac, hooked it on to the burning tail section, and dragged it away from the main section of the plane to avoid further damage. Japanese planes made another strafing attack on the plane a few minutes later, and punctured the gas tanks in the main section, causing the complete plane to burst into flames. Sergeant SOBIOSKI, without thought of his own safety, saved a new airplane engine, and the cletrac from destruction, both being valuable equipment in this theatre of operations. The courage and heroism of Sergeant SOBIOSKI reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Bronze Star Medal



The **Bronze Star Medal** may be awarded by the Secretary of a military department to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States, after December 6, 1941, distinguishes, or has distinguished, himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight.

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SECTION III

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL-- By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 5419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull 3, 1944) and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323.361 subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Star Medal to the following named enlisted men, organizations indicated:

497th Bombardment Group

From 9 March 1945 to 19 March 1945

Master Sergeant Joseph Gigliotti, 39304527, Air Corps, United States Army.

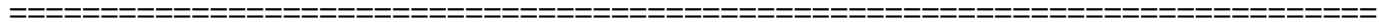
Master Sergeant, John R Goodling, 20522525, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Albert P Dauderis, 31082256, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Robert M Elchlepp, 6561076, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Andrew K Tipton, 35452448, Air Corps, United States Army.

Technical Sergeant Clifford J Millenbach, 39187140, Air Corps, United States Army.



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28 July 1945

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SECTION IX

Award of the BRONZE STAR MEDAL—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9419, 4 February 19442 (See II, Bull 3, WD, 1944) and pursuant to authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in classified letter, file 323, subject: “Delineation of Administrative Responsibilities”, dated 16 July 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Star Medal to the following named officers:

Colonel LYMAN L. PHILLIPS, 0149660, 330th Air Service Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 April 1945 to 12 May 1945.

Purple Heart



Purple Heart Ribbon

The Purple Heart is awarded for being wounded or killed in any action against an enemy of the United States or as a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces.



869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

9 Jan 1945

- Major Baird, Joe P Baird, 0403702, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Joseph Bolton, 0669965, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant John G Deitz, 35283555, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Richard D Fair, 38472123, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant John E Richards, 0789506, Air Corps, United States Army.

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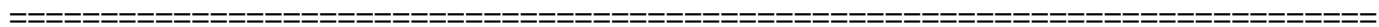
NO. 1)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 3 January 1945.

871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Captain Howard M Clifford, 0-789049, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Captain Lynch, Bertram G., Capt. 0869240, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Montford S Whiteley, 0747062, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Piere V Lodato, 32604633, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant H J Smith Jr., 18123938, Air Corps, United States Army.



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13 January 1945

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NO. 2)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 3 January 1945.

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Staff Sergeant David W Underwood, 18194519, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Corporal Donald L Wilson, 35579205, Air Corps, United States Army.

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15 January 1945

NO. 3)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 18 January 1945.

870^h Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Second Lieutenant Leland W Emmett, 0861373, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Richard A Ewing, 0666263, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Jack Jackness, 0676063, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Fred R Spies, 0806000, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Kenneth L Masterson, 15113422, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Coke G Hawkins, 14150630, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Odis Howell Jr., 39041059, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Richard F Lang, 32408296, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Robert G Lovell, 17144721, Air Corps, United States Army.

2. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 22 December 1944.

870^h Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Joseph L Hamilton, 0225516, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Earl J Callender, 0-511679, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Glen R Hocker, 0700003, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Henry A Laliker, 0683725, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William A Lowe, 13107624, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Myron S Ludwick, 33683778, Air Corps, United States Army.

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16 January 1945

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NO. 4)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 14 January 1945.

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Jack R, Ehrenberg, 0753992, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William P Stovall, 6563342, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant George E Wright, 38043673, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Lawrence W Beecroft, 32069587, Air Corps, United States Army.



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17 January 1945

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NO. 5)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 27 January 1945.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Frederick W Baumann Jr., 0485209, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant John E Burluson, 0760722, Air Corps, United States Army.

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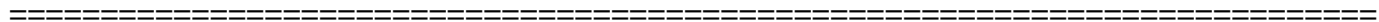
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 3 January 1945.

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Second Lieutenant Charles L Bowen, 0-702889, Air Corps, United States Army.



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24 January 1945

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NO. 7)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 23 January 1945.

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Captain Jack K McGregor, 026235, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant James J Classick, 0-698662, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Albert L Young Jr., 0-863604, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Robert C Ballard Jr., 0-806959, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Everett L Crump, 39460588, Air Corps, United States Army.

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23 January 1945

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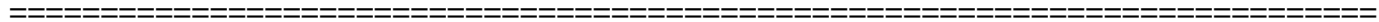
SECTION I

1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and Circular No 32 Hq USAFPOA, 17 September 1944 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officer for wounds received as a result of enemy air action on 11 May 1945:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTHUR E. AUSTIN 0-675530 871ST Bomb Sq

By order of Colonel JOHNSON:

O. C. Teigen
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant



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12 February 1945

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men, orgn indicated, for wounds received as a result of enemy air action on 10 February 1945:

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Technical Sergeant Robert M Tuttle, 19122922, Air Corps, United States Army.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Technical Sergeant Kurt J Hermann II, 12128248, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

16 February 1945

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men, orgn indicated, for wounds received as a result of enemy air action on 15 February 1945:

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Technical Sergeant John A Fitch Jr., 14189898, Air Corps, United States Army.

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

Technical Sergeant Emanuel B Smith, 39127293, Air Corps, United States Army.

Staff Sergeant William C Banker, 19163179, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

22 February 1945

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men, orgn indicated, for wounds received as a result of enemy air action on 19 February 1945:

871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Captain Clyde H Smith, 0741761, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Second Lieutenant Arthur E Austin, 0675530, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Sergeant Benjamin G Budd, 42104321, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Corporal Arthur W Fletcher, 19102463, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Corporal Norman J Garrick, 12221404, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

25 May 1945

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SECTION I

1. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded the following named enlisted men orgn indicated for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 14 May 1945:

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

- Sergeant Bernard M Streff, 36894182, Air Corps, United States Army.
- Staff Sergeant Leroy E Donovan, 37672377, Air Corps, United States Army.

SECTION II

1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded the following named officers and enlisted men orgn indicated for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 14 May 1945:

870th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Gro

- First Lieutenant Allen B Carter, 0-2060939, Air Corps, United States Army.
- First Lieutenant Charles H Lamback, 0-349508, Air Corps, United States Army.

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Second Lieutenant William G Steele, 0-775625, Air Corps, United States Army.
Flight Officer Charles S Shinkowski, T-5478, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Frank P D'annunizto, 32509866, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Robert I Van Etten, 32727491, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant James M Barron, 13112523, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Robert Q Drebing, 36689800, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Robert J Neulreich, 36832508, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

26 May 1945

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SECTION I

1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart is awarded the following named enlisted men orgn indicated for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 24 May 1945:

869th Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Lieutenant Charles R Allen, 0700169, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant LeRoy B Balzarini, 36577778 Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Nicholas B Talbott, 33548647, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Edward G Bernzott, 35797109, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Clarke J Hughes 38381256, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Charles E Anderson, 36699862, Air Corps, United States Army.

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Second Lieutenant Seymour Sacks, 0-2079114, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

29 May 1945

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SECTION I

1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, 22 September 1943 and XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officer and orgn indicated for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 22 May 1945:

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT C BALLARD JR. 0806959 869th Bomb Sq

By order of Colonel JOHNSON:

O. C. Teigen
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant

SECTION II

1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-68, 4 May 1943, and Par 18c, XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, the following named enlisted men, 871st Bomb Squadron, who have displayed exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for over one year of continuous active duty in the Army of the United States, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal:

871st Bombardment Squadron, 497th Bombardment Group

First Sergeant Alexander Kulak, 6973865, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Jerome R McGraw, 813043, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant John H Williams, 20522635, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Carl E Klinetob, 33118042, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Jess W Riblett, 15069763, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant John McCool, 17058063, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Vincent Spagnolo, 39271689, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Joseph A Berkowitz, 32991352, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Samuel J Bolinsky, 12183916, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Hans C Borm, 35612579, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John J Cunningham, 34881701, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Alden T Darrow, 6553576, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Franklin S Dodd, 18106221, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant, Justin R Drake, 15108004, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Ernest M Dunckhorst, 18014947, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Paul H Goreski, 18001469, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Ocran E Kirk, 18007638, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Kenneth W Lowe, 35133730, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Ernest T Medina, 20841545, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Silvio V Monsorno, 32610955, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Garold H Muncie, 35579910, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Victor A Petrovic, 17108718, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Jack R Pumala, 16153055, Air Corps, United States Army.

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Staff Sergeant Richard F Pugh, 35452577, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Francis E Schwed, 17020955, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Edward G Scully, 32722136, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant George C Spamer, 12153574, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Carl J Petchalk, 35609036, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Elijah Spinosi, 32952943, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Oliver B Anderson, 14173583, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William P Babits, 31417272, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Gordon C Beggs, 17147077, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Gino J Bianchi-Rossi, 39131556, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Benjamin G Budd, 42104321, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Marvin Countryman, 38116798, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Nicholas Cowenhoven, 12076379, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Edward V Cyr, 39038089, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Jack C Dow, 39272262, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Louis Fecci, 32795072, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Ellis D Frazier, 36884132, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Carl Glance, 36720730, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant John D Goodrich, 38222652, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Frank A Grabowy Jr., 11104268, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant William A Hegi, 37659203, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Howard A Heller Jr., 32743042, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Joseph M Jacobson, 18163242, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Sidney R Janowsky, 32609282, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Henry A Jefferies, 19195111, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant George L Leavers, 35399493, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Lyndon S Marcy, 32849997, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Charles F Marston, 31351595, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Preston McMann, 37230114, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Roger L Meadors, 35694262, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Vincent P Minott, 32424956, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Walter F Moser, 37492108, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant James E Provost, 16136474, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Edgar H Reid, 34205694, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Carl A Schemitzer, 33283882, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant George Schwenneker, 39386198, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant August J Senerchia, 12094261, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Edward Shahinian, 31426895, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant John Shahinian, 31423824, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Wesley B Skogsberg, 39197536, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Frederick O Sutton, 35755126, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Robert D Winiarski, 36814885, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Godfrey J Olson, 32990825, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Roy K Rothgeb, 37494742, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Frank H Rupe, 39351857, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Houghie H Terry, 18217768, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Elroy N Vike, 36816774, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal Harry E Weatherby, 33695187, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal Michael Wilson, 33689718, Air Corps, United States Army.

Corporal August H Ziegler, 36624626, Air Corps, United States Army.

Private First Class Edwin V Bay, 19124387, Air Corps, United States Army.

Private First Class Gerald B Buechler, 17131506, Air Corps, United States Army.

Private First Class Subiaco DeLeon, 38539007, Air Corps, United States Army.

Private First Class William G Hauger Jr., 33763475, Air Corps, United States Army.

Private First Class Lawrence Luetkemeyer, 38566921, Air Corps, United States Army.

Private First Class Generose M Molinaro, 13128359, Air Corps, United States Army.

Private First Class Clyde D Tryon, 17064126, Air Corps, United States Army.

Private First Class Clayton C Cummings, 35645609, Air Corps, United States Army.