Citations for Medals

Medal of Honor
Silver Star
Distinguished Flying Cross
Soldier’s Medal
Bronze Star
Purple Heart
The Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government. It is bestowed by the United States Congress on members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguish themselves through "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States." Due to the nature of its criteria, it is often awarded posthumously

Harold I. Johnston

Citation

When information was desired as to the enemy’s position on the opposite side of the Meuse River, Sgt. Johnston, with another soldier, volunteered without hesitation and swam the river to reconnoiter the exact location of the enemy. He succeeded in reaching the opposite bank, despite the evident determination of the enemy to prevent a crossing. Having obtained his information, he again entered the water for his return. This was accomplished after a severe struggle which so exhausted him that he had to be assisted from the water, after which he rendered his report of the exploit.

Editorial Note: Major Johnston received his award prior to service with the 883rd. Because of his example of service at the age (approximately double of the men in his squadron) and his inspiration to others, we think it fitting that we mention the courage and devotion of this man.
The Silver Star is awarded for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States.

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Colonel John E Dougherty, 022550, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For gallantry in action while leading elements of the 500th Bombardment Group in successive aerial attacks against the Japanese mainland from 28 December 1944 to 3 April 1945. During this period Colonel Dougherty has distinguished himself by intrepidity and conspicuous bravery with complete disregard for his personal safety. He accomplished ditching at sea on 29 December 1944 with no serious injury to members of his crew. On 27 January 1945 and 19 February 1945, after leading formation of a B-29 aircraft in successful bombing attacks against the industrial heart of Tokyo, Colonel Dougherty on each occasion contacted a B-29 aircraft which had suffered battle damage and escorted the crippled ship to its base. He was primarily responsible for the safe return of those planes and in each instance he flew the fuel supply of his aircraft to the maximum limit with full knowledge of the great risk involved. Colonel Dougherty led the 500th Bombardment Group on a maximum effort incendiary mission against Nagoya, Japan on 24 March 1945. His bomb racks malfunctioned over the target and despite critical flak damage suffered on the first attempt he directed a second bomb run and bombed the target successfully. Colonel Dougherty as Air Commander of a pathfinder force on 3 April 1945 successfully dropped illumination bombs on the Tashikawa Aircraft Plant, Tokyo, Japan, thereby lighting the target area for the maximum effort attack which followed. He has repeatedly volunteered for hazardous assignments above and beyond the call of duty. His exceptional professional skill and gallant combat leadership have been a constant source of high morale and efficiency. His fearlessness and unusual devotion to duty have been an inspiration and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

[Note: Colonel Dougherty, then Major, had received his original Distinguished Flying Cross on 23 September 1942 for action as a pilot in a raid on New Britain.]

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JOHN E. DOUGHERTY, (0-22550), Major (then Captain), 28th Bombardment Squadron, 19th Bombardment Group (H), Air Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action over Vunakanau airdrome, Rabaul, New Britain, on 7 August, 1942. As Squadron Leader of the flight of 28th Bombardment Squadron planes, Major Dougherty participated in the mass daylight attack on Vunakanau airdrome. The formation was intercepted by twenty-five to thirty Zeros, but in spite of this, the bombs were dropped directly on the target area, causing severe damage to the airdrome. During the encounter with the fighters seven of the enemy planes were shot down. Credit for the success of the mission was largely due to the skillful leadership displayed by Major Dougherty in retaining control of his squadron throughout the bombing run and in the subsequent withdrawal from the target. His example of extreme courage and bravery in the face of heavy enemy attack was an inspiration to all of the combat crews under his command.
Home address: Margaret Burke Dougherty, (Wife), 22 Domingo Ave, Berkeley, California.
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First Lieutenant William G Standen, 0738284, 883rd, Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action while participating as Airplane Commander in a bombing mission over Japan on 19 February 1945. Just before reaching the target, the aircraft commanded by Lieutenant Standen suffered critical battle damage from enemy fighter fire. One engine rendered inoperative, control of the other three engines was lost, and Lieutenant Standen received serious injuries. Forced out of formation, he found himself surrounded by highly aggressive enemy fighters. Unable to rejoin his formation, Lieutenant Standen set his course for the assigned secondary target and succeeded in bombing it alone despite his unattended wounds, continuing fighter attacks and intense anti-aircraft fire. He then flew the badly damaged aircraft over many hundreds of miles back to his home base where it was necessary to effect an emergency landing because of battle damage. With great coolness and professional skill, Lieutenant Standen effected a safe landing. His gallant determination not to be turned from the target, and his great devotion to his crewman are in accordance with the highest tradition of the Army Air Forces.

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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 Silver Star to the following named officer:

Major J Fitzgerald, 0403887, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. (Missing in action) Next of kin: Mrs. Alice P Fitzgerald (Wife), 50 North Van Dien Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey. For gallantry in action on 27 January 1945. After leading a formation of B-29 aircraft through intense fighter opposition to the briefed bomb run, Major Fitzgerald voluntarily left the cover of the formation to protect two crippled aircraft that were sustaining intense enemy fighter attacks. Interposing his airplane between the two crippled aircraft and the attacking fighters, he enabled the damaged aircraft to withdraw safely from the target area. Passing beyond the limit of fighter attacks, Major Fitzgerald rendered every assistance in escorting the damaged aircrafts until they were able to proceed alone. At that time he further elected to go to the assistance of a third severely damaged aircraft rendering assistance without which it is doubtful that a safe return to base would have been accomplished. Major Fitzgerald’s gallantry and inspirational devotion to the safety of his comrades are in accordance with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XIII

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR --By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43, WD 1918), and pursuant to authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in classified letter, file AG 323, subject: “Delineation of Administrative Responsibilities”, dated 16 July 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Silver Star to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant Walter L Abbot, 0737692, 3rd Photo Reconnaissance Squadron, Air Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 27 May 1945 as Airplane commander of a B-29 aircraft flying from a base in the Marianas Islands on a photographic reconnaissance mission over the Japanese Empire. Approaching the target, clouds were found to obscure completely all vision over 9000 feet. Lieutenant Abbott, fully aware of the urgency of securing the essential photographs of bomb damage, descended to the base of the clouds, exposing his unaccompanied plane to violent anti-aircraft fire. Completely disregarding his own safety, he made two daring passes through an inferno of flak directly over the heart of Tokyo at the dangerously low altitude of approximately 8500 feet. He skillfully
performed evasive tactics and although his aircraft was riddled with holes, no damage was inflicted to the engines of fuel supply. Lieutenant Abbot accomplished a safe return of the valuable film to his home base thereby providing intelligence with the vital information in the shortest possible time. He took extreme risks by remaining so long in the target area and he was able to make important visual observations to supplement the photographs. Lieutenant Abbot’s fearlessness, intrepidity and superior leadership reflect great credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

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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."
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:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM H. RUNKLE, 0660591, 3rd Photo Reconnaissance Squadron, Air Corps, United States Army, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight over Japan on 17 January 1945. The F-13 plane of which he was the commander was suddenly attacked by four enemy fighters. The first two enemy planes diving out of the sun of their solitary target, met such direct fire that one of them immediately fell away in smoke. With undaunted courage Lieutenant RUNKLE piloted his aircraft on the prescribed course and in proper altitude so that the photographic work could continue. Lieutenant RUNKLE and his crew brought sustained fire to bear on two enemy planes which had entered the battle with the result that one of these was seen to fall in smoke and flames. Despite the total lack of tactical support, Lieutenant RUNKLE, by his bravery and cool determination to accomplish the appointed mission, displayed such leadership that the enemy attack was completely thwarted. No damage was inflicted upon his plane nor any casualties resulted to the crew; the enemy suffered the destruction of one plane, two probably destroyed, and the fourth possibly destroyed. During the entire stress of combat the primary mission was executed with utmost skill resulting in photographs of military and industrial installations of unsurpassed quality completeness of photographic coverage. Uninterrupted photography was continued throughout the enemy air attack and through flak so accurate that it burst within 100 yards of the plane. Lieutenant RUNKLE and his crew, in addition to the enemy action, were faced by another serious obstacle in the failure of the plane to pressurize shortly after the outbreak of the mission, thereby necessitating the use of oxygen masks throughout the entire flight. His coordination and determination resulted in the completion of the mission, which carried him more than two hundred miles into enemy territory, disclosed military targets previously unknown, and provided invaluable information for our Intelligence. The information thus secured by Lieutenant RUNKLE and his crew became the basis for future very heavy bombardment missions against the Japanese homeland. In achieving such outstanding success in the face of these obstacles as well as severe mental and physical strain, Lieutenant RUNKLE amply demonstrated a superior devotion to duty and reflected great credit on the Army Air Forces.

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Major RICHARD E. HALE, 0387059, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 14 August 1945. Major HALE was Group Bombardier of a B-29 aircraft leading squadron on a strike from a base in the Marianas against the heavily defended army arsenal at Osaka, Japan. Assembly was performed in a minimum time. From landfall to the target a close protective formation was maintained as demonstrated by the exceptional bomb pattern. Despite the accurate anti-aircraft fire, he released his bombs on the high priority target with outstanding results; the squadron, led by his bombing, followed up with their devastating load. Strike photographs show that fifty percent or more of the projectiles fell within one thousand feet of the aiming point. The determination, skill and courage demonstrated by Major HALE, veteran of repeated missions against the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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First Lieutenant ALVAH J. WILLIS, 0865210, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 7 April 1945. Lieutenant WILLIS was Flight Engineer of a B-29 aircraft flying on the first medium altitude mission from a base in the Marianas Islands against the Musashino aircraft factory in Tokyo, Japan. Intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered at landfall and continued throughout the bomb run. Lieutenant WILLIS’ aircraft, in the lead position, lost an engine as a result of flak. It also sustained numerous hits which damaged the Loran set and punctured a fuel cell which caused probability of loss of another engine. This severe damage necessitated relinquishing the lead late on the bomb run. This was accomplished with a minimum of confusion while keeping the formation tight and well forward. Anti-aircraft fire remained accurate and intense until land’s end. The formation was under violent and unrelenting fighter attack from landfall to thirty miles beyond land’s end. The bomber was flown back to base under adverse navigational conditions and the impending
probability of a forced ditching because of engine failure and the punctured fuel cell. The calmness under fire, superior professional skill and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant WILLIS, veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 5 June 1945 as combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission from a base in the Marianas against the heavily defended city of Kobe, Japan. From the start of the bomb run, they encountered intense and heavy antiaircraft fire. Heavy smoke blanketed the target area. Suddenly, another squadron appeared low and to the right on a collision course, so that at the time projectiles were to be released, this other squadron was directly below. They made a 360 degree turn and accomplished another bomb run. The number two engine malfunctioned, which necessitated reduction of the power setting. In spite of this, they stayed in close formation and released their bombs squarely on the target. Due to a bomb rack malfunction, thirty-seven bombs hung up in the front bomb bay, preventing the doors from closing. The bombardier, leaving his position, went to the open bomb bay, to investigate the hung bombs. The necessary adjustments were made so that the doors could be closed. The gunners repulsed attacks by two enemy fighters. After landfall the number two engine was feathered. The pilot and the bombardier then went to the front bomb bay, and working in the extreme cold without parachutes for forty minutes, cut out the hung bombs. Continued mechanical difficulties such as the pitot tube heater failure, causing inoperative air speed indicator, excessively high cylinder head temperatures in number one engine, and excessive loss of oil in number three engine, required constantly changing cruise control. In spite of all these difficulties, the close cooperation and teamwork of the entire crew enabled them to make a successful landing at Iwo Jima. The skill and devotion to duty of these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Russell C Dunbar, 0834769, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Harry W Field, 0740391, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Willard Friedlander, 0863340, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Observer.
First Lieutenant Robert E Sullivan, 0929473, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Elvin V Svoboda, 0556153, (Then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Technical Sergeant James R French, 34144788, (Then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Lorin J Crandell, 38352629, (Then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Sergeant Willis A Adams, 34815077, (Then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Anthony P Esposito, 32989712, (Then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Francis J Stevens, 36594426, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Sergeant Morris J Fusco, 32989214, (Then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 22 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas on a daylight precision strike against the Kure naval arsenal at Kure, Japan. The formation was opposed by intense and accurate flak to such an extent that the lead aircraft, piloted by the group commander, was damaged and forced to relinquish the lead. Despite the danger of leaving the protection of the formation, this crew dropped their bombs and fell back to join and protect the stricken bomber. They covered damaged airplane out of enemy territory and throughout the long over-water flight to Iwo Jima. Veterans of repeated combat missions against the Japanese homeland, this crew displayed coolness, courage, and heroic devotion to duty and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.
First Lieutenant James H Benson, 0826857, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Ben B White, 0535785 (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
Flight Officer Anthony F Sullivan, T223242, (then Technical Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Addison H Merrick, 11085836, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Sergeant Everett D Marshall, 15041407, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Joseph J Thomas, 33795628, (then Corporal) Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Alex J Zemont, 36760990, (then Corporal) Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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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 of the 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 14 August 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 strike team leading nine airplane formation from a base in the Marianas Islands on a high explosive attack against the heavily defended Osaka army arsenal of Osaka, Japan. Assembly was performed in minimum time. From landfall to the target a close protective formation was maintained as revealed by the exceptional bombing pattern. Despite accurate anti-aircraft fire this strike team led the formation to the objective, releasing the squadron’s bombs on the high priority target with devastating results. Strike photographs show that fifty percent or more of the bombs fell within one thousand feet of the briefed aiming point. The determination, skill and courage demonstrated by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain John T Coffman Jr., 0662749, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Thomas D Wier Jr., 02060625, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.

First Lieutenant Seymour Zlotnik, 02073297, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.

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Major HORACE E HATCH, 0403452, (then Captain), 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 3 January 1945. Major HATCH was Airplane Commander flying deputy lead in a daylight incendiary attack from a base in the Marianas against the heavily defended industrial city of Nagoya, Japan. Major HATCH became leader of the formation when the lead B-29 aborted. Intense, accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered throughout the target area. Fighter attacks were aggressive and persistent with 129 separate attacks made on his formation. Despite tremendous opposition Major HATCH led his formation with extreme fortitude and coolness, successfully bombing the assigned target. The courage and leadership displayed by this veteran of repeated combat sorties reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant MILTON O PACK, 0856783, 500TH Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 3 July 1945. On this incendiary strike against Kochi, Japan, Lieutenant PACK flew his radar counter – Measure Officer in a special B-29. It was his duty to fly over the target area and spot jam enemy radar gun-laying equipment. His bomber was of necessity over the target for well over one hour and during this period was in constant danger from enemy night fighters and ever present anti-aircraft fire. He performed his duties in an outstanding manner as attested by the fact no planes of the 500th Bombardment Group suffered damage over the target. Part of the success of this mission was no doubt due to Lieutenant PACKS’ intrepid skill which was displayed on this and numerous other missions against the Japanese main land and reflect great credit on this veteran and the Army Air Forces.
Second Lieutenant GEORGE R PETERMAN, 01307744, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 11 May 1945. Lieutenant PETERMAN was Bombardier of a B-29 aircraft flying on an incendiary attack from a base in the Marianas Islands against the heavily-defended industrial city of Kobe, Japan. He penetrated intense anti-aircraft fire and his aircraft was subjected to numerous enemy fighter attacks before he reached the target where he effectively released his bombs on the city. By his accurate gunnery he successfully drove off two determined enemy fighters before seriously damage could be inflicted on his airplane. The skillful manner in which he defended his bomber was an important factor contributing to the safe return of his crew to their home base. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant PETERMAN, veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese Empire, reflect great credit on himself and Army Air Forces.

Sergeant HOWARD C HALSTEAD, 33875486, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 22 June 1945. Sergeant HALSTEAD was a Gunner of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a daylight precision strike against the Kure naval arsenal at Kure, Japan. The formation was opposed by intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire to such an extent that the lead the plane was damaged and forced to relinquish the lead despite the danger of leaving the protection of the formation, they dropped their bombs and fell back to join and protect the stricken bomber. Acting as an aid to navigation and morale, his crew buddied the damaged airplane out of enemy territory and during the long over-water flight to Iwo Jima. In this emergency, Sergeant HALSTEAD, veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese Empire, displayed coolness, courage, and devotion to duty, reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Sergeant FREDERICK C NEWCOMBE, 11115420, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 5 June 1945. Sergeant NEWCOMBE was a Gunner of a B-29 aircraft flying on an incendiary attack from a base in the Marianas Islands against the heavily defended industrial city of Kobe, Japan. He penetrated intense anti-aircraft fire to reach the assigned target where the bombs were effectively released. Just before the bombs were dropped an enemy fighter made a determined attack upon his aircraft, but by accurate gunnery he drove it off before any damage could be inflicted to the bomber. The skillful manner in which he defended his airplane was an important factor contributing to the safe return of his crew to their home base. Such courage and devotion to duty as displayed by Sergeant NEWCOMBE reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in historical missions from the 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 flight was made without regard to personal safety in the face of over present danger from enemy fighters and heavy search-light-directed flak. Those 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.

881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Major Robert D Luman, 0396522, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain Linden O Bricker, 0421629, Air Corps, United States Army.
Captain Donald W Thompson 025673, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant George L Booze, 0729308, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Harlan C Jackson, 066298, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Lou C Kappil, 0346981, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Robert S Mather, 0664425, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Norbert J Oswald, 026131, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Richard D Sullivan, 025952, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Robert E Althoff, 0677213, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant John F Conn, 0688970, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant William Lewis, 0805838, Air Corps, United States Army.

882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Major Robert Sewell Jr, 0398518, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Willard F Shorey, 0807881, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in historical missions from the 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 flight was made without regard to personal safety in the face of over present danger from enemy fighters and heavy search-light-directed flak. Those 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.

881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Captain Ford J Curtis, 0427645, Air Corps, United States Army.

883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Captain Charles T Moreland Jr, 0725512, Air Corps, United States Army.

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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:

Captain Edward B Feathers, 0427448, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 February 1945. Captain Feathers was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft participating in a bombing mission against an aircraft factory in Nagoya, Japan. Over the target number 3 engine was hit by machine gun fire and was so damaged that the propeller began to windmill and could not be feathered. Forty-five minutes later the propeller on the damaged engine spun off hitting and damaging number 4 engine which was immediately feathered. The two remaining engines gave barely enough power to maintain flying speed but because they were both on the same side, the airplane was crabbing approximately 20 degrees off of its true heading. By exceptional flying skill and professional ability, Captain Feathers kept his airplane in the air under these hazardous flying conditions for more than seven hours and made a successful landing at his home base. His calmness and efficiency during this time contributed materially to the excellent morale and superior performance of the crew. Captain Feathers’ resourcefulness, courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION V

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in historical missions from the 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 flight was made without regard to personal safety in the face of over present danger from enemy fighters and heavy search-light-directed flak. Those 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.

881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
First Lieutenant Harlan C Jackson, 066298, Air Corps, United States Army.

882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Captain Austin W LaMarche, 0421815, Air Corps, United States Army. First Lieutenant Harold D Arbon, 0726298, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant James R Farrell, 0735068, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Hewitt G Gray, 06600567, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Warren H Parsons, 0664440, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Willie O Sasser, 0797189, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION XI

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Captain Donald W Thompson, 025673, 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 16 March 1945 as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft attacking the heavily defended industrial and naval center of Kobe, Japan. The attack was made at an unprecedented low level and despite accurate searchlight directed anti-aircraft fire and the possibility of enemy fighter attacks, a successful run was completed. Large fires were ignited in the designated incendiary zone. Accurate observation resulted in evasion of enemy fighters, but shortly after leaving the target area, an engine burst into flames which extended past the tail section of the aircraft. Despite imminent danger of explosion the aircraft was dived to four thousand feet above mountainous terrain in order to extinguish the fire. The trouble partially brought under control, the aircraft headed towards home base with wind milling propeller. The return trip was successfully accomplished despite the danger of ditching occasioned by the loss of fuel and the possible failure of another engine. In the face of strong enemy defenses and imminent danger of explosion over the Japanese Mainland, Captain Thompson displayed such determination, courage and devotion to duty as to reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XII

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 16 March 1945 as combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft attacking the heavily defended industrial and naval center of Kobe, Japan. The attack was made at an unprecedented low level and despite accurate searchlight directed anti-aircraft fire and the possibility of enemy fighter attacks, a successful run was completed. Large fires were ignited in the designated incendiary zone. Accurate observation of all crew members resulted in evasion of enemy fighters, but shortly after leaving the target area, an engine burst into flames which extended past the tail section of the aircraft. Despite imminent danger of explosion all crew members remained at their stations while the aircraft was dived to four thousand feet above mountainous terrain in order to extinguish the fire. The fire was finally brought under control and the aircraft headed towards home base with a windmilling propeller. The return trip was successfully accomplished despite the danger of ditching occasioned by the loss of fuel and the possible failure of another engine. In the face of strong enemy defenses and imminent danger of explosion over the Japanese Mainland, these individuals displayed such determination, courage and devotion to duty as to reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Philip N French, 0448787, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Randall C Maydew, 0703766, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Raymond J Rood, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Robert J Wittwer, 0698808, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Merrill W Staller, 15383050, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Dan L Bartok, 36475181, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Edwin K Burkhart, 35574840, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Robert J Strong, 12089150, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Waterman J Davis, 14122200, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Walter Pudlo, 36878179, Air Corps, United States Army.

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First Lieutenant Raymond J Sealy, 0665127, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 24 March 1945 over Nagoya, Japan. As Airplane Commander of a B-29 type aircraft, he flew his initial combat mission against the heavy searchlight and anti-aircraft defense around the metropolitan area of Nagoya. Despite accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire which severely damaged the left aileron of his aircraft and rendered the bomb releases inoperative, he made a second attempt to bomb the assigned target. On the second run into the target the aircraft sustained further damage to the ailerons which necessitated the use of the engine in turning the aircraft from the target. He determined to make still another run on the target and was restrained only by the decision of the Command Pilot. After the bomb releases had been repaired, he dropped his bombs on Toyohashi, Japan, igniting large fires in the target area. Lieutenant Sealy’s outstanding leadership, courageous determination and superior airmanship in his initial encounter with the enemy reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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Lieutenant Colonel William L McDowell, Jr. 022029, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 19 January 1945. Colonel McDowell, Force Commander of two squadrons of B-29 aircraft, directed his force against an important industrial target at Akashi, Japan. Despite accurate anti aircraft fire and determined fighter opposition, a perfect bomb run was made on the target and the resultant concentrated impact completely strayed the vital installations I the target area. Colonel McDowell by his devotion to duty, sound tactical judgment, and courageous leadership contributed immeasurably to the destruction of a highly important industrial target, thus reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Morris M Robinson, 0751179, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 as Pilot of a B-29 aircraft. While bombing a target in Japan, enemy fighters attacked his aircraft setting his number two engine afire, disabling his flight instruments and shattering the aircraft’s windows, thereby depressurizing the aircraft and allowing the intense sub-zero cold to penetrate the airplane. The loss of power occasioned by the damaged engine caused Lieutenant Robinson’s aircraft to fall behind the formation where it became the immediate target of enemy fighter aircraft, wherein he, the airplane commander and the bombardier were wounded. With great coolness and determination, Lieutenant Robinson evaded the enemy fighter aircraft, discovered that the fire in his number two engine had been blown out, and set course for the 1500 mile over-water return flight to his home base. Shortly after leaving Japan, the propeller burned off the number two engine, struck the propeller of number one engine thereby loosening the engine on its mounting and throwing the aircraft out of control. By herculean physical effort, Lieutenant Robinson, with the aid of his airplane commander, forced the aircraft under control and successfully returned to his home base. Lieutenant Robinson’s professional skill, superior judgment and determination to surmount all obstacles reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Ray C Clinkscales (then First Lieutenant), 0790796, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945. Lieutenant Clinkscales, Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft, was on a bombing mission against the Musashino Plant of the Nakajima Aircraft Company in Tokyo, Japan. Over the target, he left the formation to protect another B-29 aircraft which had one engine shot out and was afire as the result of enemy fighter fire. Lieutenant Clinkscales escorted and protected the damaged airplane for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. During this time, he sustained approximately seventy enemy fighter attacks, and his gunner accounted for five enemy fighter destroyed and one damaged. The gunners expended all their ammunition so Lieutenant Clinkscales drove off the last of the enemy fighters by turning his aircraft into their line of flights thereby forcing them to roll away from the disabled aircraft. Throughout this action, three, two-thousand pound bombs were hung up in the forward bomb bay of Lieutenant Clinkscales’s airplane thus increasing the consumption of gasoline and handicapping maneuverability against the enemy aircraft. His high professional skill, courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Frank A Carrico, 0795019, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 as Air-plane Commander of a B-29 aircraft. While bombing a target in Japan, enemy fighters attacked his aircraft, setting his number two engine afire, disabling his flight instruments
and shattering the aircraft’s windows, thereby depressurizing the aircraft and allowing the intense sub-zero cold to penetrate the airplane. The loss of power occasioned by the damaged engine caused Lieutenant Carrico’s aircraft to fall behind the formation where it became the immediate target of enemy fighter aircraft, wherein he, the pilot and the bombardier were wounded. With great coolness and determination, Lieutenant Carrico evaded the enemy fighter aircraft, discovered that the fire in his number two engine had been blown out, and set course for the 1500 mile over-water return flight to his home base. Shortly after leaving Japan, the propeller burned off the number two engine, struck the propeller of number one engine thereby loosening the engine on its mounting and throwing the aircraft out of control. By herculean physical effort, Lieutenant Carrico, with the aid of the pilot, forced the aircraft under control and successfully returned to his home base. Lieutenant Carrico’s professional skill, superior judgment and determination to surmount all obstacles reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION IV

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 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 officer:

First Lieutenant Richard D Sullivan, 025952, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 11 May 1945. Lieutenant Sullivan, Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft, bombed a heavily defended primary target at Kobe, Japan. Intense fighter opposition was encountered in the target area and the formation sustained thirty separate attacks. During these attacks two enemy aircrafts were destroyed and the bomb run was successfully completed. When an aircraft in the formation was seriously damaged, Lieutenant Sullivan courageously fell back to protect it from further fighter attacks. The disabled aircraft, with two engines inoperative, was skillfully accompanied through adverse weather conditions to a safe landing. Lieutenant Sullivan’s courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by his determination to bomb the target and to protect comrades in distress, reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION VII

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 11 May 1945. These individuals were members of a combat crew which bombed a heavily defended primary target at Kobe, Japan. Intense fighter opposition was encountered in the target area and the formation sustained thirty separate attacks. During the attacks these men destroyed two enemy aircrafts and successfully completed their bomb run. When and aircraft in the formation was seriously damage, the crew courageously fell back to protect it from further fighter attacks. The disabled aircraft, with two engines inoperative, was skillfully accompanied through adverse weather conditions to a safe landing. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by each member in his determination to bomb the target and to protect comrades in distress reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant, Edwin J Seder, 0661334, Air Corps, United States Army as Flight Engineer.
Second Lieutenant, Bruce P Craig, 9761892, Air Corps, United States Army as Pilot.
Second Lieutenant, Warren G Glover, 0702413, Air Corps, United States Army as Bombardier.
Second Lieutenant, Richard M Hufty, 0702436, Air Corps, United States Army as Navigator.
Technical Sergeant, Lisle G Neher, 33631177, Air Corps, United States Army as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Staff Sergeant, John M Birchett, 130464709, Air Corps, United States Army as Tail Gunner.
Staff Sergeant, Angelo M Campanini, 32730253, Air Corps, United States Army as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant, Jack Lebid, 12103430, Air Corps, United States Army as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant, Elmo C Steeves, 11057872, Air Corps, United States Army as Left Gunner.
Sergeant, George N Andrews, 37705125, Air Corps, United States Army as Ring Gunner.

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First Lieutenant Warren H. Parsons, 0664440, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 22 December 1944, Lieutenant Parsons, Airplane commander of a B-29 airplane, flew from a base in the Marianas Islands against one of the most important and most heavily defended aircraft engine plants in the Japanese Empire at Nagoya, Japan. Through adverse and difficult weather conditions, he brought his airplane to the target area in a formation of eight B-29 aircraft. Lieutenant Parsons entered the bomb run as briefed and dropped his bombs on the leader, despite heavy enemy opposition from anti-aircraft fire and fighter aircraft which resulted in the loss of one engine and the partial loss of another. By virtue of Lieutenant Parsons' high degree of professional skill, courage, and determination, his crew was able to help fight off seventy-five separate attacks made on the formation. He maintained his protective position in the formation, and brought the ship safely home, thereby reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION II

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First Lieutenant Owen L Seaver, 0698481, 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as Navigator of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against industrial targets at Tokyo, Japan, on 4 December 1944. Despite determined fighter opposition Lieutenant Seaver’s aircraft persevered in its briefed bomb run released its bombs on the target. Shortly after bombs away, continued fighter attacks inflicted critical damage on the electric system of the aircraft, causing the bomb bay doors to fall open, and rendering all electrical navigational instruments inoperable. Excessive vibration of the aircraft resulting from the damage inflicted further hindered accurate navigation, while fuel consumption increased rapidly due to the drag caused by the open bomb bay doors. Despite these serious obstacles, and the further obstacle of unfavorable weather, Lieutenant Seaver computed the time so precisely, and charted his course so accurately that a safe return to base was accomplished on the remaining fuel supply. Lieutenant Seaver’s high professional skill and cool performance of duty in an emergency resulted in the safe return of his crew and his aircraft thereby reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION IX

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 24 November 1944. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against the Musashino Aircraft Factory, Tokyo, Japan. Despite adverse weather conditions they maintained their position within the formation and bombed the assigned target in the face of persistent enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire. Immediately after releasing their bombs these men went to the aid of another aircraft which had been forced to withdraw from the formation. With complete disregard for their own personal safety, they remained with the straggling aircraft and aided in repelling sixteen enemy fighter attacks. After the attacks had ceased these individuals escorted the aircraft to its home base. Their courage and determination to protect distressed comrades uphold the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant William C Harrell Jr. 0768536, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant James L Curd, 0868101, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Charles C Graves, 0676260, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Herman A Bichlmeier, 39271576, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Charles M Civiello, 32228137, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Charles R Hillis, 38331897, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Richard E Mischen, 33676479, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Robert B Porter Jr, 13123185, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Robert B Caldwell, 17136634, Air Corps, United States Army.


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SECTION XI

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Captain Ray C Clinkscales, 0790796, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Japan on 27 January 1945. Captain Clinkscales was Airplane Commander of B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against the Musashino Plant of the Nakajima Aircraft Company in Tokyo, Japan. From the initial point to the target the aircraft sustained damage from intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. Persistent enemy fighter attacks increased the battle damage so that the fluxgate compass, radio compass and Loran were rendered inoperative. Shortly after bombs away Captain Clinkscales’ airplane dropped back to cover a severely damaged B-29 aircraft which was being harassed by enemy fighters. He displayed excellent teamwork and calm courage in warding off the attacks of the enemy fighters so that the crippled B-29 was successfully escorted past lands-end and beyond the range of the enemy. Two enemy fighters were destroyed and another was probably shot down. A successful return to base was accomplished despite difficulties caused by battle damage to the navigational equipment. The high professional skill, calm efficiency under fire and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Clinkscales reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Norbert J Oswald, 026131, 881st Bombardment squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 24 November 1944. Captain Oswald was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission
against the Musashino Aircraft Factory, Tokyo, Japan. Despite adverse weather conditions he maintained his position within the formation and bombed the assigned target in the face of persistent enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire. Immediately after releasing his bombs he went to the aid of another aircraft which had been forced to withdraw from the formation. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he remained with the straggling aircraft and aided in repelling sixteen enemy fighter attacks. After the attacks had ceased he escorted the aircraft to home base. Captain Oswald’s courage determination to protect his distressed comrades uphold the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XII

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a bombing mission against a high priority target in Nagoya, Japan, on 15 February 1945. Extremely hazardous weather was encountered which caused the practical disintegration of the formation, and these individuals were faced with the possibility of going into the heart of the most heavily defended portion of the Japanese Empire, alone and unprotected. They continued on the briefed course to their assigned altitude where they managed to assemble with three other airplanes. Braving extremely accurate anti aircraft fire and approximately thirty attacks by enemy fighters, this crew proceeded to the target and dropped its bombs with devastating results on a vital link in the enemy’s defense industry. Their efficiency, courage, and determination in successfully accomplishing this mission reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Theodore R Bivins, 0761860, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Kenneth F Fine, 0695416, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant James F Hanft, 0808539, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant William W Sales, 0482793, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant John P Spencer, 0704081, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Technical Sergeant Walter W Kinneman, 17029047, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Morton Gold, 36554389, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Carroll H Haygood, 18046017, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Roger F Schrader, 12096053, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Henry A Vallar, 16116027, Air Corps, United States Army, as Right Gunner.
Sergeant Valentine B Sochanski, 33831812, Air Corps, United States Army, as Ring Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 May 1945. These individuals were crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission from a base in the Marianas Islands against a heavily defended aircraft factory at Kure, Japan. Ten minutes from the target a cabin fire broke out which resulted in the loss of all electrical power. Despite three direct hits by intense anti-aircraft fire, these individuals succeeded in bringing the cabin fire under control, remained in formation, and completed the bombing run with excellent results. In accomplishing this mission against such adverse and hazardous conditions, these crew members displayed unusual courage, professional skill and determination thereby reflecting great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Hewert G Gray, 0660056, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Thomas C Hemingway, 0689607, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Dee A McDaniel, 0927910, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Howard E Nicholls, 0696135, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Darrell L Woodie, 0862934, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Technical Sergeant Hemon M Willey, 31154977, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant John M Norton, 37571392, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Henry R Walker, 35486808, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Levi L Zimmer, 37469831, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Francis L Kindseth, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Peter A Sanchez, 32720005, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 3 January 1945. These officers and enlisted men were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against an important and heavily defended aircraft engine factory at Nagoya, Japan. A few minutes after reaching the Japanese coast, the high cabin pressure caused the astrodome on their plane to blow out causing the cabin altitude to suddenly increase from 8500 feet to 30,000 and the temperature to drop to minus 44 degrees. Despite the hardship imposed by the high altitude and extreme cold, these crew members continued to the target encountering strong enemy fighter opposition and intense anti-aircraft fire. Enemy flak rendered the lower aft turret inoperative and started a wiring insulation fire which was extinguished. They fought their way to the target and successfully dropped their bombs. The high degree of professional skill and devotion to duty displayed by these crew members contributed materially to the success of this mission and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant George F Davis, 0761899, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.  
First Lieutenant Warren E Long, 0703280, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.  
First Lieutenant Charles O McAllister, 0703759 Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.  
First Lieutenant Robert E Rae, 0868659, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.  
First Lieutenant John B Reeves, 0733726, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.  
Staff Sergeant Anthony A Adams, 12182994, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.  
Staff Sergeant Eugene W Harris, 34509944, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.  
Staff Sergeant Emil H Miller, 35097581, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.  
Staff Sergeant William M Simmermon, 35099308, Air Corps, United States Army, as Right Gunner.  
Staff Sergeant Jack T Walton, 35624296, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
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SECTION I

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 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 officer:

Captain Charles T Moreland, Jr, 0725512, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 19 January 1945. Captain Moreland was the Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft officially designated as leader of a combat squadron on a bombing mission against the Kawasaki Aircraft Company's Works at Akashi, Japan. His formation was repeatedly and persistently attacked by enemy fighter aircraft and heavy, accurate anti-aircraft fire. Despite enemy opposition Captain Moreland led his squadron on an excellent bombing run and photographs indicate that in excess of 50 per cent of the bombs hit within 1,000 feet of the aiming point.

His leadership, professional skill, and courage contributed materially to the success of this mission and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION IV

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 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 883rd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 19 January 1945. These individuals were members of the crew of a B-29 aircraft officially designated as leader of a combat squadron on a bombing mission against the Kawasaki Aircraft Company’s Works at Akashi, Japan. The formation was repeatedly and persistently attacked by enemy fighter aircraft and heavy, accurate anti-aircraft fire. Despite enemy opposition they led the squadron on an excellent bombing run and photographs indicate that in excess of 50 per cent of the bombs hit within 1,000 feet of the aiming point. The leadership, professional skill, and courage of these individuals contributed materially to the success of this mission and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION V

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Captain Ford J Curtis, 0427645, 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 14 May. Captain Curtis was the Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft which led a combat wing on a bombing mission against heavily defended industrial area of Nagoya, Japan. He displayed such skill and leadership in warding off enemy opposition and in maintaining an accurate bomb run that a devastating load of incendiary bomb was placed on the aiming point. Captain Curtis’ courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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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 the 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 883rd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 December 1944. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft engaged in a bombing mission against the Musashino Aircraft Engine Plant in Tokyo, Japan. Enroute to the target adverse weather conditions caused the formation to disperse, but through a high degree of skill, reassembly was affected before reaching to target. Haze prevented the bombardier from locating the target on the first bomb run in the face of heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and swarms of enemy fighters it, was decided to make a second bomb run. This necessitated a three hundred and sixty degree turn over the strongly defended area and despite fierce enemy resistance the bombardment of the target was accomplished. The courage, determination and superior professional ability displayed by these crew members reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Paul R Myer, 0684389, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Salvatore W Bianchino, 0810417, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Joseph H Carver, 0698657, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Claude D Logan, Jr. 0862175, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Anthony J Bernazza, 12122396, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant John R Coleman, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Edward Fers, 11138322, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant John J Jones, 17153767, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant E J Neie, 38371113, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Lawrence A Williams, 18077414, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.

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SECTION IX
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 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 officer:

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F Brannock, 0385549, 882nd Bombardment Squadron 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 10 February 1945. Colonel Brannock was acting Force Commander in the lead airplane of a formation of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against one of the most heavily defended targets on the Japanese Mainland, the Nakajima Aircraft Factory at Ota, Japan. Despite excessive head winds, accurate anti-aircraft fire and vicious fighter opposition, an excellent formation was maintained and a number of bombs hit directly on the aiming point. Later reconnaissance photographs revealed severe damage or destruction of thirty per cent of the total building area of this important target. Colonel Brannock’s courage, professional skill and determination to drop his bombs on the primary target, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION II

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First Lieutenant Harold D Arbon, 0726298, 882nd Bombardment squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 February 1945. Lieutenant Arbon was the Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft which took off from a base in the Marianas Islands on a bombing mission against a heavily defended aircraft engine plant at Nagoya, Japan. He flew through adverse and hazardous weather conditions and upon arrival at the assembly point found that a rendezvous could not be accomplished because of very heavy cloud formations at the assigned altitude. He climbed to a higher altitude to bring the aircraft into the clear and the resultant icing conditions rendered the radar and the gun turrets inoperative making it
necessary to attack the target unarmed and by whatever check points were visible through the cloud cover. Unprotected and in the face of imminent enemy opposition he started a down wind run on a heading of 90 degrees on an airfield target on Nagoya harbor. A cloud moved over this target and he executed a turn of 180 degrees for a run on the dock area. He had to abandon this target and on a third run on a 90 degree heading he bombed the industrial center of Nagoya. Lieutenant Arbon’s determination to bomb the target and his courage and skill which resulted in the successful accomplishment of this difficult mission reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant John E Ryan, 0668359, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 December 1944. Lieutenant Ryan was the Airplane Commander of a B-29 Aircraft on a bombing mission against the Musashino Aircraft Engine plant in Tokyo, Japan. Enroute to the target adverse weather conditions caused the formation to disperse but through a high degree of skill reassembly was effected before reaching the target. Haze prevented the bombardier from locating the target on the first bomb run and in the face of heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire and swarms of enemy fighters it was decided to make a second bomb run. Disregarding the danger involved Lieutenant Ryan executed a three hundred and sixty degree turn over the strongly defended area and despite fierce enemy resistance bombed the vital war plant. The courage, determination and superior professional ability he displayed in successfully completing this mission reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION IV

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 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 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 February 1945. These individuals were members of the crew of a B-29 air craft which took off from a base in the Marianas Islands on a bombing mission against a heavily defended aircraft engine plant at Nagoya, Japan. They flew through adverse and hazardous weather conditions and upon arrival at the assembly point found that a rendezvous could not be accomplished because of very heavy cloud formations at the assigned
altitude. It was necessary to climb to a higher altitude to bring the aircraft into the clear and the resultant icing conditions rendered their radar and gun turrets inoperative making it necessary to attack the target unarmed and by whatever check points were visible through the cloud cover. Unprotected and in the face of imminent enemy opposition they started a down run on a heading of 90 degrees on an airfield target on Nagoya Harbor. A cloud moved over this target and a turn of 180 degrees was executed for a run on the dock area. This target had to be abandoned and on a third run on a 90 degree heading they bombed the industrial center of Nagoya. The determination of these individuals to bomb the target and their courage and skill which resulted in the successful accomplishment of this difficult mission reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Myler L Bivins, 0761850, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant James M Dambold, 0865167, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Ludwell K Walker, 0703832, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Staff Sergeant Joseph B Abegg, 19110502, Air Corps, United States Army, Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Manuel J Bettencourt, 19037025, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Raymond B Dugan, 16064996, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant William H Gillen, 15122056, Air Corps, United States Army, as Right Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Frank B Mize, 35790361, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.
Sergeant Gordon J Stroub, 16116393, Air Corps, United States Army, as Ring Gunner.

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SECTION VII

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 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 officer:

First Lieutenant Robert C Schmidt, 0794700, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 4 April 1945. Lieutenant Schmidt was Airplane Commander of a pathfinder aircraft on an incendiary mission against the Tachikawa Aircraft Plant in Japan. Adverse weather obscured vision and he made a radar approach to the target. Two attempts at a visual bombing run on the primary target proved impossible, and he decided to bomb the secondary target. This necessitated a second three
hundred sixty degree turn to a course over Kawasaki, Japan. Despite searchlights that seriously handicapped bombing accuracy and intense accurate anti aircraft fire, he bombed the target with excellent results. Through superior airmanship Lieutenant Schmidt warded off a possible Baka Bomb approach on the tail of his aircraft, and after twenty minutes lost the enemy in the clouds. His determination to attack the enemy and 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 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 the 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 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 22 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against the Izumi Airfield in Japan. Because of a bombsight malfunction on the first bomb run a second attack was made on the strongly defended target. Through their efficiency and teamwork, despite heavy anti aircraft fire and persistent fighter attacks they bombed the airfield with excellent result. Their determination and courage contributed materially to the success of this mission and reflect credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant John W Schroen, 0782969, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Technical Sergeant Mitchel W Racanelli, 36751723, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant William J Matushak, 31280190, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant William J Carpenter, 36868019, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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SECTION XIII

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 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 883rd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 4 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a pathfinder aircraft on an incendiary mission against the Tachikawa Aircraft Plant in Japan. Adverse weather obscured vision and they made a radar approach to the target. After two attempts at a visual bombing run on the primary target proved impossible, it was decided to bomb the secondary target. This necessitated a second three hundred sixty degree turn to a course over Kawasaki, Japan. Despite searchlights that seriously handicapped bombing accuracy and intense accurate anti aircraft fire, they bombed the target with excellent results. Through superior performance of their assigned crew duties they warded off a possible Baka Bomb approach on the tail of his aircraft, and after twenty minutes lost the enemy in the clouds. Their determination to attack the enemy and his courage and skill which resulted in the successful accomplishment of this purpose reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Philip J Craner, 0865803, Air Corps, United States Army as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Dick Dixon, 0761904, Air Corps, United States Army as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Orville A Pounds, 0695965, Air Corps, United States Army as Bombardier.
Staff Sergeant Arthur H Borks, 39036263, Air Corps, United States Army as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Almon H Burgess, 39280678, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Herbert R Grundon, Jr. 13091985, Air Corps, United States Army as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Robert G Mulligan, 33393411, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Howard I Thomas, 37562631, Air Corps, United States Army as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Sergeant William M Brown, 13142686, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.

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SECTION XVIII

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 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 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 18 December 1944. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft engaged in a bombing mission against the heavily defended Mitsubishi Aircraft Factory at Nagoya, Japan. Returning from the target their aircraft developed a malfunction in the fuel transfer system and they were forced to ditch in the vicinity of the enemy held Bonin Islands. Through exemplary coordination of their duties the aircraft was successfully ditched despite heavy seas. Following the ditching they floated on rubber life rafts for twenty-five hours before being rescued. Their skillful and efficient performance of duty and the courage they displayed in the face of grave danger contributed materially to the successful ditching of the aircraft and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Kenneth R Chidester, 0761562, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Clifford B Smith, 0868672, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Second Lieutenant Jay L Meikle, 0696120, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Staff Sergeant Stephen J Darienzo, 32715040, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Richard J Grinstead, 34396612, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Edmund G Smith, 17073893, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.

SECTION XIX

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 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 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 26 May 1945 on bombing a mission against the heavily defended industrial area of Tokyo. Despite loss of power in one engine, savage enemy fighter attacks and accurate anti-aircraft fire they proceeded on to bomb the primary target with excellent results. The crew successfully and courageously warded off enemy attacks from the target area to one hundred miles at sea, definitely destroying two enemy aircrafts. The exceptional ability and professional skill exhibited by each individual enabled the crew to act as an efficient combat team. Such courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Leonard A Kahn, 0163911, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Fred J Winch, 02061209, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Second Lieutenant Ira M Ogush, 0828746, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
Master Sergeant Orrick F Johnson, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Jack D Allen, 14130199, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Andrew R Muldon, 16080570, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Sergeant Joseph R Altott, 31364489, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Robert B Blankmann, 17134168, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Charles A Bruner, 34900829, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Harry F Drnec, 36958696, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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diligently fought off enemy fighter attacks that the target was bombed with excellent results. Such
courage and devotion to duty displayed by these officers and men reflect great credit on themselves and
the Army Air Force.

First Lieutenant Donald D Chapman, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Norman A Ek, 0690338, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Robert E Sollock, 0809055, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant George H Timson, 0812010, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Burton L Wilner, 0864140, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Russell E Bookman, 13118994, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Bruce E Gilbertson, 19072301, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control
Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Carl R Sandusky, 37145678, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.

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SECTION I

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Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to the 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 881st Bombardment
Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight against the heavily defended industrial area of
Nagoya, Japan, on 14 May 1945. Despite a critical loss of power due to an ongoing malfunction these
individuals, as crew members of a B-29 aircraft, proceeded on to the primary target. Determined fighter
attacks immediately after the bombs were released rendered another engine inoperative and the aircraft
was forced to momentarily lag from the formation. Their exceptional ability and professional skill
enabled them to fight off twelve enemy fighter attacks in which one was destroyed and another damaged.
Such courage and devotion to duty by these individuals reflect the highest credit on themselves and the
Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant John W Esterling, 0760994, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Robert J Kraushaar, 0863853, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Roy J Mehring, 0703767, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Staff Sergeant Wheeler F Blake, 31226257, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Robert H Brown, 41135434, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.
Staff Sergeant John C Ford Jr, 34735649, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Dale V Hutsell, 37502441, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Edward J Kepka, 33424802, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Sergeant Air Ernest J Brosang, 42016839, Corps, United States Army, as Ring Gunner.

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SECTION II

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 19 February 1945. These individuals were members of a Combat crew which bombed the assigned target in the face of persistent enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire in the target area. Just after dropping their bombs two aircrafts in this formation were shot down by enemy fighters and a third, badly damaged, fell behind the formation. They immediately maneuvered their aircraft to protect the straggling aircraft from the enemy fighters. Their teamwork and professional skill warded off the determined enemy fighter attacks and protected the crippled aircraft which was safely accompanied out of the danger area. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by their determination to bomb the target and to protect comrades in distress, reflect the highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Patrick Calhoun, 0668402, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Richard O Dodds, 0760599, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Victor A Kolesh, 0863557, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Francis J Merrick, 0696121, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Horace A Portigal, 0703792, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Technical Sergeant Edwin S Gaither, 33104684, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Douglas F Bulloch, 12075700, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Harry Gerson, 33477077, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Charles R Maples, 33631169, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Alexander Wortovitch, 11021653, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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SECTION III

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 14 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft which led a B-29 combat wing against the heavily defended industrial area of Nagoya, Japan. Despite heavy anti-aircraft and determined enemy fighter attacks in the target area, they displayed such skill and teamwork in warding off enemy opposition and maintaining an accurate bomb run that a devastating load of incendiary bombs were placed on the designated aiming point. The courage and devotion to duty demonstrated by these individuals in the successful accomplishment of this mission reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Louis F Dreher, 0695634, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant James R Klock, 0865835, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Harry H Standridge Jr, 0684074, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Carl E Taylor, 0695467, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Staff Sergeant James R Anthony, 11096904, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Howard J Clos, 39564305, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant John G Dillavou, 36757149, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Paul J Privitera, 6975922, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Harry A Tammen, 19069968, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Sergeant Walter L Aufmuth, 35917271, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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SECTION IV

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the Nakajima Aircraft Factory at Ota, Japan on 10 February 1945. These individuals were crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against this high priority target. The approach to the target was made under ideal conditions and the upwind bombing run was held for twenty-four minutes. Despite moderate, accurate anti-aircraft fire and vicious fighter opposition, an excellent formation was maintained. Reconnaissance photographs revealed a number of bombs to have dropped directly on the aiming point, destroying or damaging 755,000 square feet of the roof area. The conspicuous courage, professional skill and determination displayed by these crew members in releasing a devastating bomb load on the primary target in completing the longest sortie then recorded by their organization, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Hale W Hays, 0724419, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Harold E Towner, 0703826, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant William B Wallower, 0863601, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Wilbur S Weksler, 0703835, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Staff Sergeant Stanley A Burulia, 32452606, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Benjamin Cohen, 36760977, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Kiolen Crider, 34775323, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Henry P Koert, 32778874, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant August G Michelsen, 12218197, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Robert L Moistner, 35093646, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 16 April 1945. These individuals were crew members of a B-29 aircraft that flew a pathfinder mission against the heavily defended city of Kawasaki, Japan. Despite extremely heavy opposition from enemy night fighters and intense anti-aircraft fire these crew members established a visual aiming point for the main force. During the bomb run several B-29’s were seen to be hit by the enemy and their own plane received several direct hits, one of which resulted in the loss of the number four engine. In the midst of this danger, there also existed the possibility of collision with one of their own planes due to the harassing of some sixty blinding searchlights. The high professional skill exhibited by each crew member to faithfully complete his assigned task enabled them to evade the enemy and return safely to their home base after a most successful mission. The cool efficiency and complete disregard of personal danger displayed by these individuals while under heavy enemy fire reflect great credit on themselves and the Army air Forces.

Captain Donald G Jackson, 024894, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Larry P Hergenreder, 0697859, Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Gerard A Howarth, 0697865, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Lemuel B Von Leer, 0865532, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant William C Wright, 0825735, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
Staff Sergeant Emmett P McMillan, 34623080, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Clifford E Raymore, 37496973, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Marion M Shew, 18004469, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Carter H Alford, 35579076, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a bombing mission against Nagoya on 22 December 1944, during the initial stages of the very long range air offensive against Japan. These crew members, flying in the lead airplane of a formation of B-29 aircraft, courageously led a successful bombing of the City of Nagoya in the face of aggressive fighter attacks and accurate antiaircraft fire, dropping their weight of bombs accurately by instruments. Flying at near-maximum altitudes and attended by all the hazards of a pioneering effort in a relatively untested aircraft, these individuals performed their duties with exemplary skill and devotion, thereby blazing the trail for the devastating bombardments that were to follow. Their courage and leadership in the face of danger are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant William W Douds, 0683527, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant William H Goldstein, 02056380, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Joseph E O’Grady, 0777920, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Stanley W Pierce, 07344260, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Kenneth N Robertson, 0865200, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Harold J Coleman, 14065887, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Earl L Glassburn, 19129584, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Donald G Hewitt, 16154841, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Otis P Swearengin, 34586762, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Donald H Zimmerman, 32314593, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Joseph L Sears, Jr, 33733651, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a bombing mission against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan, on 25 February 1945. Their aircraft developed progressive engine malfunctioning while enroute to the target but continued on despite loss of power and increasingly difficult weather conditions. Further engine malfunctions occurred but the aircraft proceeded on course, leading a casual formation of six other aircrafts that had been separated from their formations. They completed and excellent instrument bombing in the face of extremely accurate anti-aircraft fire. The determination of those individuals to continue on the assigned mission despite serious malfunctioning of their aircraft, resulted in the accomplishment of a highly successful bombing, and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

Major Cecil E Tackett, 0427293, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.  
First Lieutenant Robert E Rockney, 0696146, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.  
First Lieutenant Warren C Schreiber, 9865202, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.  
First Lieutenant James M Stafford, 0696169, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.  
Staff Sergeant Walter Bortnick, 33186690, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.  
Staff Sergeant Jay W Collins, 33503491, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.  
Staff Sergeant Robert B Wallace, 14094226, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.  
Sergeant Eugene D Kidrick, 39202432, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.  
Sergeant Albert M Basternack, 32606102, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.  
Sergeant Donald H Swearingen, 36692962, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Japan on 7 April 1945. Each individual was a member of a B-29 crew which participated in an unprecedented medium altitude daylight attack on the Musashino Aircraft Engine Plant in Tokyo, Japan. Enemy opposition was extraordinarily effective and the aircraft suffered severe battle damage from intense anti-aircraft fire throughout the bomb run. The aircraft was rendered incapable of maximum effective protective fire because of the destruction of its lower turrets by enemy anti-aircraft fire. At land’s end a deliberate collision by an enemy fighter was avoided by a violent climb. The enemy pressed unrelenting fighter attacks until a point thirty miles out to sea was reached. Because of damage to instrumental aids, the aircraft made its three engine flight back to its base under the most unfavorable navigational conditions, and was under constant danger of a forced landing hundreds of miles out to sea in enemy waters. The mental stability under fire, the courage and high professional skill displayed by these individuals resulted in the most efficient and highest degree of cooperation in the emergencies encountered during this mission and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain William G Standen, 0738284, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Herman F Copeland, Jr. 02060947, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Second Lieutenant Jess Chambers, Jr. 0762864, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
Second Lieutenant William A Trotter, 9027913, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Master Sergeant Carl B Taschinger, 2075871, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Joseph J Duban, 33792340, Air Corps, United States Army, as radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Edward F Heiberger, 17117276, Air Corps, United States Army, as Fire Control Gunner.
Sergeant Ross H Mergenthaler, 35538601, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Louis A Pepi, 31389910, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
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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 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 9 January 1945. These individuals were members of a combat crew of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against the Musashino Aircraft Engine Company in Tokyo, Japan. Adverse weather created icing conditions and necessitated the total dependence on metre from the time the limits of loran were passed until land fall could be picked up on the radar, a very heavy cloud coverage made flying formation impossible. Despite these handicaps the navigation was excellent and land fall was made exactly as briefed. The clouds opened near the target so that a visual bomb run was possible. However, from the initial point to the target they were subjected to intense accurate anti-aircraft fire and numerous fighter attacks, particularly in the target area. The constant danger of enemy fighter and anti-aircraft operation was especially increased due to the presence of only one additional aircraft over the target at the time of the attack. The others had become lost in the weather when approaching Honshu. Enemy opposition continued to be persistent from the target to land’s end, where the weather closed in again, making navigation extremely difficult. The exception professional skill and courage displayed by those crew members throughout the mission reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Rex B Cline, 0767428, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Jarvis R Gregg, 0725720, Air Corps, United States Army as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Marvin K Redfearn, 0864965, Air Corps, United States Army as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Robert L McFarland, 0696113, Air Corps, United States Army as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Daniel F Swindall, 0697934, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Charles L Bowers, 35596512, Air Corps, United States Army as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Charles G Cross, 37609601, Air Corps, United States Army as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Paul A Haught, 38464391, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant George V Prochaska, 36825390, Air Corps, United States Army as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Sergeant Hubert Grossett, 38419974, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.
Sergeant Marion R Stevens, 1308492, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the Musashino Aircraft Engine Factory in Tokyo, Japan on 7 April 1945. These individuals particularly distinguished themselves as members of a combat crew in the lead aircraft of a B-29 formation that engaged in the first medium altitude daylight attack on the home islands of Japan. Intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered from landfall to the target. A direct hit caused the loss of one engine. Numerous other hits knocked out the loran set and punctured a fuel cell resulting in the probable loss of a second engine. This damage necessitated changing the leadership of the formation during the bomb run, which was accomplished with a minimum of confusion. The formation was further subjected to relentless fighter attacks persisting to within thirty miles beyond land’s end. Despite these difficulties and the possibility of a crash landing in the water, they arrived safely at their home base. The calmness under fire, superior professional skill and courageous devotion to duty displayed by these officers and men during the several emergencies encountered on this mission reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant George V Famiglio, 0695414, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Ray K Isham, 0683455, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Charles R Kolb, 0811668, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Staff Sergeant Kenneth W Agee, 19162543, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Robert O Buda, 36593793, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Linas E Dietz, 20725736, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Donald C Hetrick, 17120349, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Ronald J Jones, 32446087, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Sergeant Ivyl D Enders, 37726544, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 February 1945, these officers and enlisted men were crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a mission to bomb a highly important target, the Mitsubishi Aircraft Works in Nagoya, Japan. Their aircraft had become separated from the formation due to extremely severe weather conditions encountered enroute to the enemy coast. Despite intense, accurate anti-aircraft fire and fierce enemy fighter opposition, it was decided to fly alone over the long dangerous route to bomb primary target. Battle damage during this period had rendered the lower forward turret useless and ineffective. After bombs away, it was discovered that the bomb bay doors would not close. This necessitated the entire crew resorting to the use of oxygen while one of their comrades crawled into the bomb bay in a desperate effort to relieve the situation. Only the cool courage and keen fighting skill of those individuals saved their aircraft from sustaining more battle damage and enabled them a safe return to their home base. The determination and high professional skill as displayed by those crew members reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Robert E McClanahan, 01699376, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Richard T Mork, 0695689, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant George P Rawski, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Fred H Stacker, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant Frederic I Tuttle Jr., Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Staff Sergeant Drexel C Cummings, 15338514, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Robert M Olson Jr., 39287594, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Sergeant William H Agee, 37627799, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Robert J Cassidy, 33419895, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Seymour Gassel, 36670057, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Robert E Schurmann, 33793216, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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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 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 7 April 1945. These individuals were members of a combat crew of a B-29 aircraft on a mission to bomb the Musashino Aircraft Engine Factory located in the most heavily defended area in the Japanese Empire. This mission was the tenth attack on this difficult target and was made from medium altitude in spite of the extremely large number of anti-aircraft guns and the fiercely determined fighter opposition. Anti-aircraft fire encountered was continuous, heavy and accurate from land-fall until bombs away. The leader of the formation was forced to surrender the lead sometime before bombs away because of battle damage sustained. The number two airplane of the third element was shot down before the target was reached. Despite the violent opposition excellent formation was flown throughout the bomb run. The fighter cover expected to protect the formation was fully occupied in driving the enemy from the first elements over the target permitting enemy fighters to maintain a furious and concentrated attack on the formation during which time those individuals succeeded in destroying two enemy fighters and probably destroying one other enemy plane. The B-29 sustained twelve hits from anti-aircraft fire. The calmness under fire, superior professional skill and courageous devotion to duty displayed by these individuals reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Jack Setterich, 0789211, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant William R Grosse, 0684320, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Paul A Hering, 0697860, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Robert L Oesterreicher, 0811725, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Second Lieutenant Lee K Stump, 0866599, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Technical Sergeant Francis M Daley, 31137651, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Technical Sergeant Gerald M Rupp, 35336711, Air Corps, United States Army as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Frederick O Burrell Jr., 32142252, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant William C Constant, 32390027, Air Corps, United States Army as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Henry E Cook, 18004613, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Edward S Jojczyk, 35516988, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight over Japan on 26 May 1945. These officers and enlisted men were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft assigned to bomb the Tokyo urban area by night and at low altitude. Excellent navigation enabled the aircraft to fly through the most adverse weather conditions directly to the target area. From landfall to land’s end severe anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighter attacks were encountered. Within thought of personal safety their aircraft was kept directly on course with no effort being made to target evasive action, thereby insuring a perfect bombing run. The calmness under fire, high professional skill and devotion to duty displayed by these individuals contributed materially to the success of this mission and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain George T Irby, 0661839, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Harold P Chadina, 0761882, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Donald J Jones, 0866417, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant George W Marshall Jr., 0695945, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Theodore Wides, 02057829, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Staff Sergeant Joseph L Bechtel, 16087297, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Raymond R Cooper, 19203031, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Marvin D Fowler, 37668201, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Frank Karkos, 11097718, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Roland J Lemay, 31218971, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Sergeant Robert Blumberg, 34799794, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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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 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against important military and industrial targets in Nagoya, Japan on 17 May 1945. These officers and enlisted men were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft designated as a Pathfinder airplane to precede and guide the main striking force to the target. On the bomb run their aircraft was caught and held by numerous searchlights and immediately thereafter encountered intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. Despite the savage resistance offered by the enemy they dropped their bombs accurately, starting fires which created a visible and accurate aiming point. The main force, bombing on this aiming point caused devastating fires which swept the target area. The calmness under fire, excellent teamwork, and professional skill displayed by those crew members were material factors in the successful completion of this mission and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Jack D Alford, 0698633, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant John E D Irving, 0865830, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.

Staff Sergeant Ralph J Darrow, 32673908, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Matthew J Moore, 11065085, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Huston H Powers, 14048586, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Ewald Schulz, 16045411, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant William C Taylor, 13075902, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Sergeant Elmer B Burch, 14181372, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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Captain Linden O Brickner, 0421623, 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 18 December 1944. Captain Brickner was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft engaged in a bombing mission against the heavily defended Mitsubishi Aircraft Factory at Nagoya, Japan. Returning from the target his aircraft developed a malfunction in the fuel transfer system and he was forced to ditch in the vicinity of the enemy held Bonin Islands. Through his leadership and efficiency he inspired exemplary coordination of all crew members and the aircraft was successfully ditched despite heavy seas. Captain Brickner and his crew floated on rubber life rafts for twenty-five hours before being rescued. His skill in successfully ditching the aircraft and the courage he displayed in the face of such grave danger reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Edward B Feathers, 0427448, 883rd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 17 May 1945. Captain Feathers was the Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft designated as a Pathfinder airplane on a mission to destroy important military and industrial targets in the urban area of Nagoya, Japan. It was his duty to precede and guide the main striking force to the target by outlining the target area with his bombs. As the aircraft approached the target it was caught and held by numerous enemy searchlights and immediately thereafter was subjected to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. Despite the savage enemy resistance Captain Feathers placed the bombs on the target thus providing an excellent visual aiming point. The main force of B-29 aircraft bombing on the illuminated target created devastating fires which swept the target area. After bombs away intense and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire continued until cloud cover was reached. Captain Feathers’ courage and skill under fire materially contributed to the success of this mission and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Lou C Kappil, 0346981, 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial combat against the heavily defended industrial area of Nagoya, Japan on 14 May 1945. Despite a critical loss of power due to an engine malfunction, Captain Kappil, Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft, proceeded on to the primary target. Determined fighter attacks immediately after the bombs were released rendered another engine inoperative and the aircraft was forced to momentarily lag from the formation. Captain Kappil's exceptional ability and professional skill enabled the crew to fight off twelve enemy fighter attacks in which one was destroyed and another damaged. Such courage and devotion to duty by Captain Kappil reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Robert S Mather, 0664425, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participation in aerial flight on a bombing mission against strongly defended industrial targets at Nagoya, Japan, on 3 January 1945. Captain Mather was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft that bombed the assigned target in the face of persistent enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire in the target area. Immediately after the bomb release his aircraft was forced to separate from the main force of the formation and was subjected to intense enemy fighter attacks. Captain Mather displayed such teamwork and professional skill in warding off the determined enemy fighter attacks that his aircraft was able to return safely to its home base. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Mather reflect the greatest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.
First Lieutenant Robert E Althoff, 0677213, 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 26 May 1945, as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against the heavily defended industrial area of Tokyo. Disregarding loss of power in one of his aircraft’s engines and in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire in the target area, he successfully fire-bombed this important target. Savage enemy aircraft attacks were experienced from the target to one hundred miles out to sea. Despite the crippled condition of his aircraft the hostile attacks were courageouslywarded off and two of the “Baka Bombs” were destroyed. Lieutenant Althoff’s exceptional ability and professional skill inspired his crew to operate as an efficient combat team. His determination and courage reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant William Lewis, 0805848, 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 28 April 1945. Lieutenant Lewis was a member of a combat crew which, was unable to rendezvous with the formation, at the assembly point because of adverse weather conditions and malfunction of navigational equipment. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he proceeded without the protection of his formation. Lieutenant Lewis displayed such courage and determination that enemy fighter attacks were successfully fought off and the target bombed with excellent results. Such courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Lewis reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F Brannock, 0385549, 882nd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 December 1945. Colonel Brannock was Force Commander of a formation of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against one of the most important and most heavily defended industrial targets in the Japanese Empire at Nagoya, Japan. With a high degree of professional skill determination of purpose and without regard to personal safety, Colonel Brannock led his formation
from their base to the target area through adverse and often hazardous weather conditions, crossing directly over the required initial point at the precise altitude and with the correct heading and air-speed as briefed. Maintaining a compact formation in the face of very accurate anti-aircraft fire and prolonged and vicious enemy fighter opposition, he led his formation to bomb the target through a nearly one-third cloud coverage resulting in a twenty-five percent destruction of the target. By his professional skill, determined leadership and devotion to duty, Colonel Brannock reflected great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Jarvis R Gregg, 0725720, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight over Japan on 7 April 1945. Lieutenant Gregg was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a mission to bomb the Musashino Plant of the Nakajima Aircraft Company in Tokyo, Japan. After releasing his bomb in the target area, Lieutenant Gregg’s aircraft received a burst of anti-aircraft fire immediately forward of the tail which destroyed manual control of the rudder and right elevator. This damage threw the aircraft into a violent climb, which it was almost impossible to control. Another burst of anti-aircraft fire had previously damaged the turbos on numbers three and four engines causing uncontrollable variance in manifold pressure. This damage to the engines and to the controls prevented Lieutenant Gregg from holding to within 15 degrees of the heading or to within 1000 feet of the altitude. In order to avoid endangering the rest of the formation by his erratically flying aircraft, Lieutenant Gregg withdrew some twelve miles to the left and above. After leaving the formation, approximately five enemy fighter attacks were repelled although only one turret was operative. Skillful manipulation of the wing controls and of the elevator enabled Lieutenant Gregg to keep the wobbling, staggering aircraft in the air for almost four hours, during which time emergency repairs were made to the control cables giving almost normal rudder operation and making possible a landing at his home base in the Marianas Islands. The high professional skill and courage and devotion to duty displayed by this officer reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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First Lieutenant Albert E Woodward Jr., 0865211, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 as Flight Engineer of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing
mission against a high priority target in Tokyo. While attacking this target Lieutenant Woodward’s aircraft was seriously damaged by enemy fighters. The number two engine was set afire and the feathering system damaged. The runaway propeller could not be feathered causing the aircraft to fall behind the formation where it became the target for further enemy fighter attacks. The nose of the aircraft was badly shattered by enemy fire resulting in intense cold in the cabin. The Airplane Commander, Pilot and Bombardier were wounded and many of the instruments in the aircraft became inoperative. Lieutenant Woodward extinguished the fire and transferred fuel to maintain the balance of the aircraft. Shortly after leaving the target, the number two propeller burned off its shaft striking the number one engine, loosening the engine mounting and severely damaging the propeller. The vibration caused by the loosened engine threw the aircraft out of control, dislodged heavy equipment in the aft section and damaged all remaining navigation, engine and flight instruments. In this crisis Lieutenant Woodward displayed great skill and resourcefulness in maintaining the balance of the aircraft, making repairs which enabled the last few gallons of gasoline to be transferred from the center wing section and developing cruise control. ............ Continuation on the next page (missing page 5)

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First Lieutenant John F Conn, 069970, 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945. Lieutenant Conn was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft which bombed an important aircraft engine plant in Japan in the face of persistent enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire in the target area. Immediately after releasing the bombs he went to the aid of another aircraft which had been forced to straggle from the formation. He was subjected to repeated aggressive attacks by enemy fighters which were concentrating their efforts on his aircraft and the crippled plane. Although his aircraft suffered battle damage, he displayed such skill and determination in warding off the enemy fighters and in supplying much needed navigational aid that the crippled aircraft successfully returned to its home base in the Marianas Islands. Lieutenant Conn’s courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.
First Lieutenant James R Farrell, 0735068, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 25 May 1945. Lieutenant Farrell was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft which flew from a base in the Marianas Islands on a night bombing mission against the heavily defended city of Tokyo, Japan.

Enroute to the target rapidly changing and adverse weather conditions made navigation extremely difficult and serious mechanical difficulties necessitated excessive fuel consumption. Despite these obstacles, numerous search-lights and intense anti-aircraft fire, Lieutenant Farrell made an excellent radar bomb run and all bombs fell on the target. Immediately after bombs away heavy flak and violent turbulence were encountered and he underwent continuing fighter attacks from the target area to a point one hundred miles out to sea. Attacks by Japanese flying bombs created additional hazards requiring Lieutenant Farrell to employ evasive tactics. His courage and determination in the face of enemy opposition combined with his skill and professional ability which made possible the successful accomplishment of this mission reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XIII

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 3 December 1944 on a bombing mission against the heavily defended Musashino Aircraft Plant at Tokyo. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft which bombed the assigned target in the face of intense enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire. When another aircraft became seriously damaged, these individuals voluntarily left the protection of the formation to assist the crippled aircraft in fighting off persistent hostile planes. Through their teamwork and professional skill in warding off determined enemy fighter attacks their aircraft was able to return safely to its home base. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these individuals in their determination to bomb the assigned target and to aid their comrades in distress reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Admer N S Boren, 0688412, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Donald E Hardy, 0748639, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Robert E Oliphant, 0673927, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Technical Sergeant Robert N Crane, 6999127, Air Corps, United States Army, as radar Operator Gunner.
Technical Sergeant Fred M Montgomery, 18056941, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Homer C Braziel, 18083391, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Fredrick L Wilmoth, 33568649, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Gordon W Wong, 39909521, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.
Sergeant Francis M Corbett, 31423302, Air Corps, United States Army, as Ring Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945. These officers and enlisted men were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft which bombed an important aircraft engine plant in Japan, in the face of persistent enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire in the target area. Immediately after the bomb release their aircraft went to the aid of another aircraft which had been forced to straggle from the formation. They were subjected to repeated aggressive attacks by enemy fighters which were concentrating their efforts on their aircraft and the crippled plane. Although their own aircraft suffered battle damage, these individuals displayed such teamwork and skill in warding off the enemy fighters and supplying much needed navigational aid that the crippled aircraft successfully returned to its home base in the Marianas Islands. The courage and devotion to duty demonstrated by this combat crew members reflected great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Milton A Boomhower, 0697616, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Ralph Shulman, 0864798, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
First Lieutenant William B Wallace, 0699802, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Technical Sergeant Raymond J Haller, 20920091, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Forrest C Baklund, 19146379, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator Gunner.
Staff Sergeant James D Duggins, 340910, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.
Staff Sergeant George H Ritter, 3260635, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Herbert Rothman, 13125341, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Sergeant Air Robert D Bever, 17115767, Corps, United States Army, as Ring Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 25 May 1945. These officers and enlisted men were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft which flew from a base in the Marianas Islands on a night bombing mission against the heavily defended city of Tokyo, Japan. Enroute to the target rapidly changing and adverse weather conditions made navigation extremely difficult and serious mechanical difficulties necessitated excessive fuel consumption. Despite numerous search-lights and intense anti-aircraft fire they made an excellent radar bomb run and all bombs fell into the target. Immediately after bombs away heavy flak and violent turbulence were encountered and they underwent continuing fighter attacks from the target area to a point one hundred miles out to sea. Attacks by Japanese flying bombs created additional hazards requiring evasive tactics. The courage and determination of these individuals in the face of enemy opposition combined with their skill and professional ability which made possible the successful completion of this mission reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Edgar L Betts, 0760678, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Vernon F Weber, 0695714, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Flight Officer Jack V Arterburn, T192547, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Flight Officer Francis R Olsson, T3997, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Staff Sergeant Julius K Atkins, 14065221, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant William J Brown, 32355401, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Raymond L Lower, 19081583, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Sidney F Long, 33645139, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Jacob Shupak, 13099849, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Thomas J Mockler, 12206119, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 3 December 1944. These officers and enlisted men were combat crew members of B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission against Tokyo. Approaching the target through intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire their airplane sustained a direct hit in the fuel tank of the number two engine. Despite this damage they proceeded to the target and dropped their bombs with excellent results. Through their alertness and professional ability they fought off very intense fighter attacks. Their disregard of danger and determination to continue on to the target despite intense opposition reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Vance E Black, 0423818, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Earl F Burnett, 15353851, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant James R Emerson, 37521116, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Jesse G LeBlanc, 14054103, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William H Van Zandt, 19090405, Air Corps, United States Army.

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Major Robert D Luman, 0396522, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. (Missing in action) Next of kin: Mrs Edna Luman (Wife), 511 E 3rd Street, Montgomery, Alabama. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 3 December 1944, on a bombing mission against the heavily defended Musashino Aircraft Plant at Tokyo, Japan. Major Luman was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft which bombed the assigned target in the face of intense enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire. When another aircraft became seriously damaged, he voluntarily left the protection of the formation to assist the crippled aircraft in fighting off persistent hostile planes. Through his exceptional professional skill in warding off determined enemy fighter attacks his aircraft was able to return safely to its home base. Major Luman’s courage and devotion to duty displayed in his determination to bomb the assigned target, and to aid his comrades in distress, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 1 June 1945 on an incendiary attack against the heavily defended industrial area of Osaka, Japan. These individuals, as combat crew members in the lead airplane, demonstrated exceptional airmanship in leading their formation of ten B-29 aircrafts from a base in the Marianas Islands over vast expanses of hostile waters to the target area. Despite intense enemy opposition, a prolonged visual bomb run was maintained until the devastating load of incendiaries was dropped with great accuracy on this vital target. Although smoke in the target area greatly increased the difficulty of the bombing problem, strike photographs indicate that over fifty percent of the bombs fell within one thousand feet of the aiming point. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by these individuals in the successful accomplishment of this mission reflect the highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Ford J Curtis, 0427645, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Louis F Dreher, 0695634, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Carl E Taylor, 0695467, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Staff Sergeant James R Anthony, 11096904, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members in the lead plane of a formation of B-29 aircraft which flew from a base in the Marianas Islands on an incendiary attack against the industrial area of Yokohama. Skillfully leading the formation they made a radar approach to the target. Despite intense enemy opposition, a prolonged visual bomb run was made and a devastating load of incendiaries was released with great accuracy on the designated aiming point. The courage and determination displayed by these individuals in attacking the enemy, combined with their superior airmanship and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.
Captain Ford J Curtis, 0427645, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Louis F Dreher, 0695634, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Carl E Taylor, 0695467, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Staff Sergeant James R Anthony, 11096904, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft flying from a base in the Marianas Islands on a night bombing attack against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan. Despite adverse weather conditions, by accurate navigation the flight was made to the target. Arriving there, they encountered intense and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire which rendered two engines inoperative, put holes throughout the fuselage and damaged essential navigational instruments. Overcoming these obstacles they bombed the target. After bombs away successful evasive action was taken to avoid enemy night fighters. Under constant danger of ditching hundreds of miles at sea in enemy waters during the hours of darkness, by a display of superior coordination of their assigned crew duties the aircraft successfully completed a two engine flight to an alternate base. Here severe weather conditions necessitated circling for an hour and instrument landing. The Superior professional skill, courage and devotion to duty displayed by these individuals reflect the highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Alfred M Beverly, 0694248 (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Jack B Boren, 0676409, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant Edward S Keller, 0703751 (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Wallace N McClure, 0867124, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Gordon L Christianson, 37545605, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Paul R Dickson, 35595998 (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Delbert P Locke, 16125515, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Jerome R Peacock, 36124628, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant James S Stanfield, 34816957 (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Harold C Sutton, 34386310 (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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Lieutenant Colonel Harry N Brandon, 021754, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 1 June 1945 on an incendiary mission against military objectives in the urban area of Osaka, Japan. Colonel Brandon was Air Group Commander of a four squadron formation of a B-29 airplane flying from a base in the Marianas Islands against this vital target. From landfall until well past the target area heavy, accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered, becoming intense on the bomb run. Repeated aggressive enemy fighter attacks were made against the formation in an attempt to thwart the attack. Despite the extremely strong opposition, Colonel Brandon led the formation through a highly successful bomb run, obliterating the assigned target. His brilliant leadership and superior airmanship were responsible in large measure for the outstanding success of this bombing mission and reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Dalbert W Barron, 0726556, (then First Lieutenant) 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 April 1945. Captain Barron was the Airplane Commander of a B-29 type aircraft flying from a base in the Marianas Islands on a night bombing attack against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan. The flight to the target was made through adverse weather conditions. Arriving there, he encountered intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire which rendered two engines inoperative, put holes throughout the fuselage and damaged essential navigation instruments. Overcoming these obstacles
he bombed the target. After bombs away he took successful evasive action to avoid enemy night fighters. Under constant danger of ditching hundreds of miles at sea in enemy waters during the hours of darkness he made a successful two-engine flight to an alternate base where severe weather conditions necessitated circling for an hour and an instrument landing. Captain Barron’s superior professional skill, courage and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit to himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 25 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a night incendiary mission against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan. Despite unfavorable weather, loss of power on one engine and malfunctioning of vital navigation equipment, the aircraft continued on to the target as briefed. At the beginning of the bomb run anti-aircraft fire destroyed the radar dome but a visual bomb run was successfully accomplished in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire. The determination of these crew members, veterans of more than twenty-one combat missions, to continue in the face of hazardous conditions enroute and intense anti-aircraft fire on the bomb run resulted in a devastating blow against the enemy’s most important urban center, thereby reflecting great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Albert E Woodward Jr, 0865211, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Morris M Robinson, 0751179, Air Corps, United States Army.

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 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 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 oak-leaf cluster to the distinguished flying cross to the following named officers;

major austin w laMarche, 0421815, 882Nd bombardment squadron, 500Th bombardment group, air corps, united states army. for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a major incendiary mission against the urban area of osaka, japan on 13 march 1945. major laMarche was airplane commander of a b-29 aircraft based in the marianas islands that accomplished its bomb run at an unprecedented low altitude to drop its bombs with devastating accuracy on a vital japanese center. immediately after bombs were released, his airplane was struck by anti-aircraft fire; simultaneously it entered a huge cloud of turbulent smoke billowing up from great fires in the target area. the aircraft, with bomb bay doors still open, fell into a steep dive but, despite injury to several crew members and severe structural damage to the aircraft, major laMarche brought the plane back under control at an altitude of only slightly over 3000 feet and accomplished a safe return to his base. the courageous determination of major laMarche, who has completed more than twenty one combat missions, and his exemplary performance of duty in a time of stress, reflect great credit on himself and the army air forces.

captain harlan c jackson, 0666298, (then first lieutenant) 881St bombardment squadron, 500Th bombardment group, air corps, united states army. for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 11 may 1945. captain jackson was airplane commander of a b-29 aircraft, based in the marianas islands, on a bombing mission against a heavily defended primary target at kobe, japan, without fighter support. part of an unusually small force assigned to attack at medium altitude, captain jackson’s plane encountered determined fighter opposition on the bombing run, with several aggressive assaults on his own plane. although his aircraft suffered battle damage, he left the formation to protect a seriously crippled b-29 from further fighter attacks. damaging enemy interceptor, while sustaining additional hits on his own plane, captain jackson escorted the disabled bomber through unfavorable weather conditions at dangerously low air-speeds, transmitting navigational aids, to a safe landing at an advanced base. the courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by captain jackson, veteran of more than twenty-one combat missions, reflect the highest credit on himself and the army air forces.

colonel john dougherty, 022550, 883Rd bombardment squadron, 500Th bombardment group, air corps, united states army. for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. on 29 may 1945 colonel dougherty, as group air commander, led his units on a mass incendiary attack on the urban area of yokohama, japan from a base in the marianas islands. the formations were assembled
under his direction with great efficiency. In the face of intense and accurate anti-air-raft fire, the bomb run was accomplished as briefed and devastating weight of explosives was dropped accurately on the assigned target, thereby striking a powerful blow against one of the enemy’s major urban areas, destroying over six square miles of the city. Colonel Dougherty, by his exemplary skill and fearless leadership, contributed materially to the success of this strike. His disregard for personal safety and his determination to drop his bombs with maximum effect are in the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

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Staff Sergeant James R Tellson, 32911542, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 16 April 1945 on a bombing attack against Kawasaki, Japan. Sergeant Tellson was the radio operator of a B-29 aircraft acting as a pathfinder plane on this mission from a base in the Marianas Islands, through adverse and dangerous weather conditions, to attack this important target. Sergeant Tellson, as radio operator, distinguished himself by his great determination and skill in carrying out his assigned mission. From the initial point shortly after bombs away the plane was continuously exposed to approximately sixty searchlights and was subjected to intense antiaircraft fire and fighter attacks. At one point there was imminent danger of collision with other planes but his plane held to its briefed bomb run thus insuring a visual aiming point for the main force. The airplane was attacked several times by enemy fighters who were driven off by accurate gunfire even though the crew was almost blinded by the glare from searchlights. Shortly after bombs away direct hits were received in the rear unpressurized section and in the number four engine. Despite this extremely heavy opposition from fighters and anti-aircraft fire, the 1400-mile mission was accomplished with great success. Sergeant Tellson, who has completed more than twenty-one combat sorties demonstrated coolness, determination, and skill while under enemy fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 19 February 1945. These individuals were the combat members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a bombing mission against the heavily defended Nakajima aircraft works in the area of Tokyo, Japan. Intense anti-aircraft fire and fifty determined enemy fighter attacks in the target area damaged their plane before the bombing run, but they courageously continued on to the objective and hit it effectively. Immediately after bombs away, the number three propeller became uncontrollable and the engine caught fire. Despite the imminent danger of explosion, they dived the plane to extinguish the fire. During the dive, the propeller became detached and crashed through the right side of the fuselage, severing number four engine controls and the aileron controls. Despite this severe damage, they successfully completed the long over water return to their home base at a dangerously low altitude. They courageously laded the plane without brakes, their skill and airmanship prevented injury to any member of the crew. The courage and devotion to duty of these flyers, who have completed more than twenty-one combat missions, reflect the highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain James M Pearson, 0796871, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Edward Porada, 0807506, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant William A Shauck, 0703657, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant James D Skinner, 0703328, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Harold Danchick, 15017994, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Edward Gast Jr, 35697755, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Jack L Heffner, 13157964, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Clifford C Martin, 19186321, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Glen N Doan, 37725947, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 25 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a night incendiary mission against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan. Despite unfavorable weather, loss of power on one engine and malfunctioning of vital navigation equipment, the aircraft continued on to the target as briefed. At the beginning of the bomb run anti-aircraft fire destroyed the radar dome but a visual bomb run was successfully accomplished in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire. The determination of these crew members, veterans of more than twenty-one combat missions, to continue on to the target in the face of hazardous conditions on route and intense anti-aircraft fire on the bomb run resulted in a devastating blow against the enemy’s most important urban center, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Urban J Bonneau, 0698648, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Milton G Orenstein, 0739840, Air Corps, United States Army.
Flight Officer Rosendo L Hernandez, T-123146, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Robert S Atwell, 13169717, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Albert J Bochsler, 39328364, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John J Chester, 32516934, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Hamilton Steel, 16148745, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Harold A Steele, 31371615, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Edwin A Davidson, 37631300, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 3 January 1945. These men were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a mission to the urban area of Nagoya, Japan. During the bombing run, heavy intense, and accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered, which caused battle damage to the airplane and wounded two of the crew members. In addition, several enemy fighters pressed attacks inflicting further damage to the aircraft. In spite of this heavy opposition, an excellent bombing run was made, and the projectiles saturated the target area. Although subjected to further enemy opposition, they accomplished a successful withdrawal and the damaged airplane returned safely to its home base. The superior skill, calmness under fire, and devotion to duty displayed by these crew members who have completed more than twenty-one combat missions, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant John F Kangas, 0805928, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Roland R Koehler, 0868518, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Daniel T Thompson, 0695989, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Edward L Duffy, 15402840, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Edwin G Enstad, 17155991, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Clifford L Hallberg, 36030657, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Joseph W Tharpe Jr, 37082278, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Donald L Brown, 15313606, Air Corps, United States Army.

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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 Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 May 1945. These individuals were members of a combat crew that successfully bombed the heavily defended industrial city of Yokohama, Japan from their base in the Marianas Islands, despite determined enemy fighter opposition and intense anti-aircraft fire. Two hours after take-off a serious oil leak developed in one of the engines. They decided, however, to proceed to the target and by skillful engineering were able to decrease the rate of leakage and complete the mission. Immediately after bombs away one aircraft near them was forced to fall back. This crew unhesitatingly left the protection of their formation and went to the aid of the crippled plane. They successfully drove enemy fighters from stricken bomber and both B-29’s returned safely to their home base. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by these individuals, who have completed more than twenty-one combat sorties, reflect highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Joseph R Mitchell, 0738215, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Harold D Gass Jr, 02072440, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Flight Officer Marion A Comstock, T131810, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
Flight Officer Theodore R Krueger, T5874, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
Flight Officer James P Ryan, T129522, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
Master Sergeant Eugene O Bruce, 16026454, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Staff Sergeant Edward J Dixon, 42105847, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Alvin T George, 14154133, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Robert C Henning, 12238816, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Keith M Rebo, 19200801, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant Thomas H Regan, 33690779, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner,

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of the Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 13 March 1945 on a major incendiary mission against the urban area of Osaka, Japan. These individuals were combat crew members of a Marians Islands based B-29 aircraft that accomplished the bomb run at an unprecedented low altitude to drop its bombs with devastating accuracy on the vital Japanese urban center. Immediately after bombs were released the aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire: simultaneously it entered a huge cloud of turbulent smoke billowing up from great fires in the target area. Their plane fell into a steep dive, attaining a speed of over 300 miles per hour but, despite injury to several crew members and severe structural damage to the aircraft, they brought it back under control. A safe return to base was accomplished through the efficient discharge of duties by the crew. Photographic reconnaissance later showed that over 8 square miles of the city was burned out. The courageous determination of these individuals, who have completed more than twenty-one combat missions, and their exemplary performance of duty in a time of stress reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Zanon B Malanchuk, 0660368, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.
First Lieutenant William W Potter, 0392621, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Clarence M Sonne Jr, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Robert E Versluis, 0864573, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Technical Sergeant Merle R Pulling, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant James E Bowman, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Lee M Brinson, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant William T Day, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Victor V Thompson, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Staff Sergeant David L Walker, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a Bombing mission against the city of Yokohama, Japan. Assembly of the formation was accomplished virtually within sight of the Japanese mainland. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered early on the bomb run, the last portion of which was made through a barrage of flak, damaging many planes. In spite of this heavy and accurate enemy opposition, the bomb run was accurately made and the projectiles dropped squarely in the target area, resulting in some of the heaviest destruction yet dealt a Japanese city. Yokohama was virtually destroyed, with six and nine-tenths square miles of its built-up area reduced to ashes. The calmness, efficiency under fire, and exceptional teamwork displayed by these individuals, who have completed more than twenty-one combat missions, were material factors in the excellent results obtained. Their high degree of professional skill, courage, and devotion to duty reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain James S Braden, 024983, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Oscar N Korsmo, 0777895, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Eugene C Petersburg, 0768654, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Sigmund J Rusen, 0867014, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Robert C Cunningham, 15330317, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Zachary T Everett, 35719457, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Charles G Gallagher, 15127900, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant George L Gladden, 35570458, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Haakon F Myrwang, 39196410, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Sammie M Stultz, 34604465, Air Corps, United States Army.

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Sergeant John W Overman, 35095847, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 27 January 1945. Sergeant Overman was Tail Gunner on a B-29 Aircraft based in
the Marianas Islands scheduled to bomb the Musashino Aircraft Plant in Tokyo, Japan. In spite of heavy, intense, and accurate anti-aircraft fire the target was reached and the bombs dropped with excellent results. The formation was under intense enemy fighter attack from the start of the bomb run to approximately fifty miles after leaving the Japanese coast. During this time Sergeant Overman alone fought off twenty closely pressed attacks on the tail quarter of his plane. The crew was credited with destroying one enemy fighter aircraft and damaging another. Sergeant Overman, who has completed more than twenty-one combat sorties, demonstrated courage and devotion to duty. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION VII

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 11 May 1945. These individuals were the combat crew of B-29 aircraft, based in the Marianas Islands, on a bombing mission against a heavily defended primary target at Kobe, Japan, without fighter support. Part of an unusually small force assigned to attack at medium altitude, this crew encountered determined fighter opposition on the bombing run, with several aggressive assaults on their own plane. Although their aircraft suffered battle damage, they left the formation to protect a seriously crippled B-29 from further fighter attacks. Damaging one enemy interceptor, while sustaining additional hits on their own plane, this crew escorted the disabled bomber through unfavorable weather conditions at dangerously low airspeeds, transmitting a navigational aid, to a safe landing at an advanced base. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by these individuals, veterans of more than twenty-one combat missions, reflect the highest credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Harlan C Jackson, 0666298, (then First Lieutenant) Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Walter B Goggin, 0695650, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Nick A Milin, 0683747, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant William J Rothwell, 0703802, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant William A Stewart, 0868675, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Stanley J Rouprich, 38495259, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Joseph Barovian, 13107263, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Harlan H Hoover, 39563762, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Duane G Jenkins, 13100334, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Robert Morris, 37499278, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 June 1945. These individuals were members of the bombing team of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands designated as leader of an eleven plane combat squadron on a daylight mission to bomb the military yards and shops of Kobe, Japan. At the approach to the target area, it was evident that the formation was dangerously near a preceding squadron. Despite anti-aircraft fire and persistent enemy fighter attacks, this crew led the squadron in a three hundred sixty degree turn to avoid the first element and make a second run. This resulted in the entire squadron dropping their bombs on the target with excellent results. The determination with which they performed their duties was a major factor contributing to the success of the mission. The courage and devotion to duty demonstrated by these veterans of repeated aerial assaults on the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Marvin B Gillis, 0486492, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant William Manelos, 0703882, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John R Garner, 17074213, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION XXI

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 type aircraft flying form a base in the Marianas Islands against the strategic industrial city of Yokohama, Japan. They made a night take-off and, despite excessively turbulent weather and a defective engine, they proceeded on course to the Japanese mainland where they were able to make an assembly with the rest of the formation. Although, the engine was defective and delivering less power than normal they held a tight formation in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire and released their bombs with devastating effect. Immediately after bombs were away, the engine was feathered and a safe return to home base was effected. The exemplary skill and efficiency while under fire of these crewmen, who have completed more than twenty-one combat sorties, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Second Lieutenant Frank A Guba Jr, 0869136, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant William B Mason, 02060329, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Thomas E Sanders, 02062706, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Paul L Wheeler, 0930590, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Leonard J Riccardi, 42104882, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Robert W Smith, 33681656, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Dale W Washburn, 36960301, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Aloysius S Zmuda, 32581524, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant John Poggensee, 36868839, Air Corps, United States Army.

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Second Lieutenant William G Akula, 06184124, (then Flight Officer), 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 3 January 1945. Lieutenant Akula was Navigator on a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a combat strike against Nagoya, Japan. They made the approach to the target through determined fighter attacks and intense anti-aircraft fire at an altitude of 30,000 feet. This mission succeeded in destroying 140,000 square feet of the objective, starting seventy-five fires. During the raid an oxygen mask of one of the crew members became detached and the man lost consciousness. What might have been a fatal accident was averted by the quick action and presence of mind of Lieutenant Akula, who left his station and immediately administered oxygen to the man. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by this veteran of more than twenty-seven combat missions reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Second Lieutenant Murray A Taylor, 0771833, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 May 1945. Lieutenant Taylor was Pilot of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission from a base in the Marianas Islands against the city of Yokohama, Japan. Assembly of the formation was accomplished virtually within sight of the Japanese mainland. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered early on the bomb run, the last portion of which was made through a curtain of barrage type flak that damaged many planes in the formation. In spite of this heavy and accurate opposition, the run was accurately made and the projectiles dropped squarely in the target area, resulting in some of the heaviest destruction yet dealt a Japanese city. Yokohama was virtually destroyed, with almost seven square miles of its built-up area reduced to ashes. The efficiency under fire displayed by this pilot was an important factor in the excellent results obtained. The high degree professional skill courage, and devotion to duty demonstrated by Lieutenant Taylor, veteran of more than twenty-one combat missions, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 18 March 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a mission from their base in the Marianas Islands against the urban area of Nagoya, Japan. Through adverse and rapidly changing weather conditions, the long hazardous over-water flight was accomplished exactly as briefed. Over the target they encountered a large number of searchlights directing intense fire by enemy anti-aircraft installations and fighters. Despite the very severe opposition. And with the number two engine operating at reduced power, each crew member performed his assigned duty with exemplary skill and coolness, thereby contributing directly to the efficient teamwork which enabled them to release the full weight of bombs on this major industrial city of Japan with maximum effect. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of more than twenty-one combat sorties resulted in a devastating blow against enemy installations and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain George W Gillert, 0665002, (then First Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Lawrence W Larson, 0718109, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Donald A Lundgren, 0826233, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Leonard W Pipkin Jr., 02056666, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Fredrick W Cooper, 16138343, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William B Kidda, 33830308, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Jack T Collins, 15399119, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Philip B McCutcheon Jr., 31431118, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Van C Sherwood, 33610477, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Charles Weber, 42002684, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Private Carroll C Harris, 35360283, (then Staff Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 April 1945. These combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands were assigned to a maximum effect incendiary strike against the urban area of Kawasaki, Japan. Through adverse and rapidly changing weather conditions, the long over-water flight to the target area was accomplished exactly as briefed. Over the objective great numbers of searchlights were encountered, directing the intense fire of enemy anti-aircraft batteries and fighters. Despite this very intense opposition, each crew member performed his assigned duties with exemplary skill and coolness, thereby contributing directly to the efficient teamwork which enabled this crew to release its weight of bombs with maximum effect. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of more than twenty-one combat missions resulted in a devastating blow against this enemy installation, thereby reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain John T Coffman Jr., 0662749, (then First Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Marshall E Simcox, 0782637, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Thomas D Weir Jr., 02060625, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Seymour Zlotnik, 02073297, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant John W Shade, 19004350, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Willis R Haas, 35345797, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Harry H Anbender, 16082701, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Richard S Fitchette, 42092208, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight, these individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a night incendiary mission from a base in the Marianas Islands against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan on a flight on 25 May 1945. Despite unfavorable weather and malfunctioning of one engine and vital navigational equipment, they continued to the target as briefed. At the beginning of the bomb run anti-aircraft fire destroyed the radar dome, but they accomplished a visual bomb run successfully in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire. The determination of these veterans of more than twenty-one combat sorties to continue on to the target in the face of these difficulties resulted in a devastating blow against the enemy’s most important urban center, and reflects great credit upon themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Staff Sergeant Arthur J Henry, 33806707, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant W F Waller, 6274487, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.

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Captain Eldon E Shupe, 0789521, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as Navigator of a B-29 Aircraft on a night incendiary mission from the Marianas Islands against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan on 25 May 1945. Despite unfavorable weather en route and intense anti-aircraft fire and searchlights over the target, Captain Shupe navigated his plane unerringly making possible an extremely accurate bomb run and devastating blow against the objective. His high professional skill and cool performance of duty while under fire were material contributions to the success of this mission, which destroyed part of the fifty-one square burned out during this series of raids against the enemy’s most
important urban area. The action of Captain Shupe, veteran of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland, reflects great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Earl R Huyck, 0695424, (then Second Lieutenant), 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 February 1945, Lieutenant Huyck flew as Navigator of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission from a base in the Marianas Islands against one of the most heavily defended aircraft engine manufacturing plants in the Japanese Empire at Nagoya, Japan. He took off from home base to a designated assembly point immediately off the enemy coast, through adverse and hazardous weather conditions only to find upon arrival that no rendezvous could be accomplished due to very heavy cloud formations. Displaying great courage and determination of purpose, Lieutenant Huyck and his crew continued on alone at 33,000 feet, although icing conditions rendered turrets and radar inoperative and left the aircraft unarmed in the face of imminent heavy enemy opposition. Reaching the objective they were forced to make three separate unprotected runs over the target area because of heavy clouds obscuring the ground. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Huyck, a veteran of more than twenty-nine combat missions, in the accomplishment of this difficult strike reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 10 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a precision bombing mission against the Tokuyama naval fueling station on Honshu, Japan. In the face of heavy and intense anti-aircraft fire, their element approached the briefed target. Despite this fierce enemy opposition, a visual bomb run was made, and seventy-five percent of the formation’s explosives struck home within 1000 feet of the aiming point. Vital oil tanks and installations were left a mass of wreckage and more than half of the total roof area was destroyed. The leadership and skill demonstrated by these veterans of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese mainland, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.
500th Bomb Group: Silver Star and Other Medals

Major Norman P Hays, 0408835, Air Corps, United States Army.
Major John W Rowley, 0418954, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant George A Lydotes, 0699209, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 11 May 1945. These individuals, combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands, flew on a bombing mission against the Kawaniski aircraft factory in Kobe, Japan. They were attacked savagely by thirty-five fighters on the way to the objective and were met also by heavy, intense anti-aircraft fire. A coordinated fighter attack before the bomb run rendered one engine inoperative and damaged another, when fire broke out. As the running fight continued, three crew members were wounded. In the face of these almost insurmountable obstacles and although they were forced to fall behind their formation they elected to keep on the bomb run. They successfully dropped their projectiles on the objective causing enormous destruction. Despite their dangerous conditions, they made their way to an advanced base and landed safely. The courage, and heroic devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of repeated aerial assaults against Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant John W Gieker, 0678024, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Andrew J Bayler Jr, 02070209, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Harold J Perlmutter, 0785302, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant David C Woody, 0833650, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Francis V Henssler, 18016287, (then Staff Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Harold S Bobel, 35504367, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Carmen M Manzella, 12215990, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Walter R Couch, 13180767, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 26 May 1945. These airmen were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft flying form a base in the Marianas Islands against the heavily-defended city of Tokyo, Japan. Skillfully navigating the long over-water flight to the assembly point, they joined the formation at the briefed time and place. At landfall, the number four engine lost considerable power because of internal failure, but disregarding their personal danger, this crew pressed on to the target. In the face of determined enemy fighter attacks and heavy, intense anti-aircraft fire, they released their bombs on the primary target. This raid, combined with another strike against same objective five days earlier, destroyed more than eighteen square miles of the urban area of the city. Leaving the target, area, they were forced to begin the flight home on three engines when number four became wholly inoperative. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty demonstrated by these veterans of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Ernest L Mock Jr, 0440656, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Alexander P Perkowski, 02060573, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Virgil H Smaltz, 02061277, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Frank R Welsh, 0822576, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Robert W Raymond, 6551553, (then Technical Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Justus K Ehlers, 39904476, (then Sergeant) Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Charles L Everett, 34885969, (then Sergeant) Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Albert E Filano, 33683940, (then Sergeant) Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Victor C Gradert, 17167107, (then Sergeant) Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Edward F Pampuch, 13170037, (then Sergeant) Air Corps, United States Army.
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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 5 June 1945. This combat crew of a B-29 aircraft flew from a base in the Marianas Islands to the highly important and heavily defended target of Kobe, Japan. As members of an eleven-aircraft element, this crew successfully bombed the primary target with excellent results. In the target area they were subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire and severe fighter attacks. This crew’s plane flying high in the formation was singled out for the majority of the fighter attacks and was hit several times by enemy gunfire. The left gunner and the radar operator were wounded. With great determination and skill they maintained their place in the formation and successfully fought off the fighters, destroying one and probably destroying another. The superior execution of duties and the skill and teamwork displayed by these veterans of more than twenty-one combat strikes reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Norman F Garrigus, 0862079, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Richard H Riser, 0805529, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Richard L Smith, 0868559, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Alan L Stonhouse, 0703820, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Robert D Theriault, 0703339, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant David E Willis, 35232082, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant James H Evers, 39420145, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant William R Lance Jr, 39703240, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Cleveland M Simmons Jr., 13121134, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Luther L Wammack, 34476848, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant James W Winslow, 33573793, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands flying as deputy leader of a squadron on a bombardment against the urban area of Yokohama, Japan. At the initial point, they were required to take over the leadership when the plane assigned that position was unable to continue on the mission. Making an excellent radar approach to the target requiring only slight visual corrections, they made the run despite heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire from alerted defenses. In the face of this hazard, they guided the squadron’s bombing so accurately that more than fifty per cent of all projectiles fell within 1000 feet of the aiming point. The courage, teamwork, and leadership displayed by these veterans of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Second Lieutenant James P Keane, 02061002, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Charles S Suttles, 02065444, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Michael Shepel, 33700716, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 16 May 1945. These combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft flew on a bombing mission from a base in the Marianas Islands against the highly important and heavily defended city of Nagoya, Japan. In spite of adverse and rapidly changing weather conditions, they proceeded to the rendezvous point. Carburetor malfunction on one engine necessitated a bomb run at reduced power. In the face of this difficulty and the intense enemy opposition they made an excellent run and the projectiles were released on the target with devastating results. The skill and determination shown by this crew contributed materially to the destruction of almost four square miles of one of Japan’s most important industrial cities. The courage of these veterans of more than twenty-one combat missions in carrying out their assigned duties was instrumental in the successful completion of this strike and reflects great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Raymond O Haas, 0666281, (then First Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Frank W Sharp, 0708947, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Donald M Weber, 0771852, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Robert B Wool, 0710358, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant John P Gafford, 13032402, (then Staff Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant William E Greene, 14148539, (then Staff Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Paul W Grove, 13158568, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John C Hoover, 14048818, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Harry E Ruch, 13194942, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Robert W Wilson, 33683206, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Dick Wolf, 18155916, Air Corps, United States Army.

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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 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 13 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 type aircraft in a low altitude night bombardment of the urban area of Tokyo, Japan. The flight to the objective was made through adverse weather conditions. At the target, night fighters, and heavy, intense searchlight-directed anti-aircraft fire was encountered which damaged both wings of the airplane. A successful bomb run was made, with the explosives dropping squarely in the target area. Under constant danger of ditching hundred of miles at sea in enemy waters, a successful return flight was made to the home base. These veterans of more than twenty-one combat missions displayed superior professional skill, calmness under fire, courage and devotion to duty, reflecting great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Norman F Adamson, 0731915, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant Wanless M Goodson Jr, 0827799, Air Corps, United States Army.
Second Lieutenant John J Harnett, 0930620, Air Corps, United States Army.
Flight Officer Francis J Gore, T127836, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Ralph E Barnett, 34004096, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Jacob G Bartscherer, 4206741, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant George P Lyden, 39576469, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Jesse P Colvin, 34904145, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant William J Baldwin, 35779916, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Joseph O Bischof, 42003188, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights 22 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands flying in the deputy lead position in a raid on the heavily defended naval arsenal at Kure, Japan. Anti-aircraft fire from the beginning of the bomb run to the target was accurate and intense. One particularly heavy and well-placed barrage found its mark barely a minute before bombs away, seriously damaging the formation leader’s plane. With two engines inoperative, the leader relinquished his position to this crew. Although their own number two engine was hit by the same barrage, they led the bombers to the target, dropping their bombs squarely on the arsenal. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty in the face of serious obstacles displayed by these veterans of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant John L Ponder, 0706332, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
First Lieutenant Thomas P Savage, 0868596, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.
Technical Sergeant William W Stacy, 06560022, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Wilbur S Ferguson, 39710856, Air Corps, United States Army, as
Staff Sergeant Edmond L Riley, 37410588, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Sergeant Edwin P Baker, 36561957, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Sergeant William D Flaherty, 31285812, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.

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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 Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in classified 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:

Major Charles F Adams, 0399663, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 May 1945. Flying as Airplane Commander of the lead plane of a formation of eleven B-29 aircraft on a major strike against Yokohama, Japan. Major Adams directed his crew through the long and hazardous flight to the rendezvous point, off the coast of Japan. The formation was assembled quickly. From the beginning of the approach this element was attacked savagely by barrages of heavy, intense anti-aircraft fire and interceptors. Despite this severe opposition, he led the formation through a successful bomb run.
Their work contributed materially to the heavy destructions dealt Yokohama, nearly seven square miles of its built-up area were reduced to ashes. Eighty five percent of this squadron’s bombs landed within 1000 foot of the aiming point. The leadership and efficiency under fire displayed by this veteran of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Curtis Holdridge, 0417633, 882nd Bomb Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 25 May 1945. Captain Holdridge was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft on a night incendiary mission from a base in the Marianas Islands against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan. Despite unfavorable weather and malfunctioning of one engine and vital navigational equipment, Captain Holdridge continued on to the target as briefed. At the beginning of the bomb run anti-aircraft fire destroyed the radar dome, but a visual bomb run was successfully accomplished in the face of the intense flak. The determination of Captain Holdridge, veteran of more than twenty-one combat sorties, to continue on to the target in the face of these difficulties contributed to a devastating blow against the enemy’s most important center, and reflects great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Willie O Sasser, 0797189, (then First Lieutenant), 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group. Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 29 May 1945. Captain Sasser was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands flying as deputy leader of a squadron on a bombardment against the urban area of Yokohama, Japan. At the initial point, he was required to take over the lead when the plane assigned that positions was unable to continue on the mission. Despite heavy and accurate anti-aircraft fire from alerted defense, he directed his crew on an excellent approach to the target. In the face of this hazard, Captain Sasser and his crew released their bombs with such accuracy that more than fifty percent of all of the squadron’s projectiles fell within 1000 feet of the aiming point. The courage and leadership displayed by this veteran of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Willard F Shorey, 0807881, (then First Lieutenant), 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group. Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 5 June 1945. Captain Shorey flew as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft from a base in the Marianas Islands to the highly important and heavily-defended target of Kobe, Japan. On 5 June 1945, as a member of an eleven-aircraft element, Captain Shorey and his crew successfully bombed the primary target with excellent results. In the target area they were subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire and severe fighter attacks. The plane flown by Captain Shorey, high in the formation, was singled out for the injury of the attacks and his aircraft was hit several times by enemy gunfire. Two crew members were wounded. With great determination and skill Captain Shorey maintained his position, and the fighters were successfully repulsed, with one destroyed and another probably destroyed. The excellent execution of duties and the skill in successfully bringing his aircraft back to the home base displayed by Captain Shorey, veteran of more than twenty-one combat missions, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Marvin B Gillis, 0486492, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group. Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 29 November 1945. Lieutenant Gillis was Navigator of a B-29 aircraft assigned to attack the dock
area of Tokyo, Japan. In the pioneer individual night bombardment flown to the Japanese mainland by the Marianas Islands based Super fortresses. The present navigational aids including Loran and radio range, were not in use in this area, making the problem entirely one of dead reckoning and celestial navigation to the target 1500 miles away. Inadequate meteorological information, adverse weather conditions, failure of the automatic pilot, and inoperative radar equipment combines to make this pioneer mission one on which the greatest navigational ability was required. Lieutenant Gillis displayed exceptional skill, and through his work his aircraft was able to drop its bombs squarely on the target area, and then return safely to its home base. The superior professional skill exhibited by Lieutenant Gillis veteran of repeated aerial assaults against the Japanese homeland, in the accomplishment of this mission reflects great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XXII

DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

1. So much of Section XVII, General Orders No. 132, XXI Bomber Command, dated 4 July 1945 as pertains to Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F Brannock, 0385549, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 550th Bombardment Group, as reads: “announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross”, is amended to read: “announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross”.

2. So much of Section X, General Orders No. 132, XXI Bomber Command, dated 4 July 1945, as pertains to the following named officers of the 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, as reads: “announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross”, is amended to read: “announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross”:

First Lieutenant George V Famiglio, 0695414, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Charles R Kolb, 0811668, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.

12. So much of Section I, General Orders No 90, XXI Bomber Command, dated 19 May 1945, as pertains to Second Lieutenant Andrew J Bayler Jr., 02070209, Air Corps, United States Army, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, as reads: “announcement is made of the award of the Air Medal”, is amended to read: ‘announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the AIR MEDAL”.
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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 15 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft flying from a base in the Marianas islands on a bombardment of the heavily-defended city of Kawasaki, Japan. Assigned as pathfinder crew, with the duty of locating the target and lighting it for the formations which followed them, these airmen reached the objective through adverse and hazardous weather conditions. At the initial point, their number three engine burst into flames. Fully realizing that the fire pointed to the numerous flak batteries defending the area, they nevertheless made the bomb run. Their projectiles were dropped squarely on the target, facilitating the subsequent bombardment of the city so that five square miles were destroyed. The determination, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant William C Lanshaw, 0828717, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United states Army.  
Master Sergeant John Yevuta, 15070594, (then Staff Sergeant),  
Staff Sergeant Marion F Cole, 38497447, (then Corporal),  
Staff Sergeant Murray Flam, 32992886, (then Corporal),  
Staff Sergeant Rudolph E Nelson, 37473839, (then Sergeant),  
Staff Sergeant Rodman W Shutt, 13185451, (then Sergeant),  
Staff Sergeant George C Wood, 35883544, (then Corporal),


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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 15 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft flying from a base in the Marianas islands on a bombardment of the heavily-defended city of Kawasaki, Japan. Assigned as pathfinder crew, with the duty of locating the target and lighting it for the formations which followed them, these airmen reached the objective through adverse and hazardous weather conditions. At the initial point, their number three engine burst into flames. Fully realizing that the fire pointed to the numerous flak batteries defending the area, they nevertheless made the bomb run. Their projectiles were dropped squarely on the target, facilitating the subsequent bombardment of the city so that five square miles were destroyed. The determination, courage, and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Willie O Sassser, 079189, (then First Lieutenant), Air Corps, United states Army.
First Lieutenant James P Keane, 02061002, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United states Army.
Second Lieutenant Charles S Suttles, 02065444, Air Corps, United states Army.
Staff Sergeant Michael Shepel, 33700716, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United states Army.

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subject: “Definition of Administrative Responsibilities”, dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officer:

Staff Sergeant Salvador Delgado, 39249642, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 28 January 1945. Sergeant Delgado was Radar Operator of a B-29 aircraft on a weather strike mission from a base in the Marianas Islands against heavily defended targets in Tokyo, Japan. On the bomb run his plane was illuminated by numerous searchlights and subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire. Immediately after bombs away a night fighter made a determined attack and succeeded in wounding Sergeant Delgado and inflicting severe damage to the bomb bay doors and the hydraulic lines. Although he was wounded in both legs, he refused medical aid until the enemy interceptor had been driven off. The coolness and courage of the veteran of repeated assaults against to Japanese homeland, reflects great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 29 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft on a bombing mission from the Marianas Islands against the heavily defended city of Yokohama. Assembling virtually within sight of the Japanese mainland, their formation encountered heavy flak early on the bomb run, the last portion of which was made through a curtain of barrage type fire which damaged many of the planes. In spite of this heavy and accurate enemy opposition, they continued on the bomb run and dropped the projectiles squarely in the target area, resulting in large scale destruction to the Japanese city. After bombs away their aircraft was damaged by an enemy fighter and the pilots’ controls were shot out. Through quick and decisive action, control of the aircraft was maintained. Yokohama was virtually destroyed, with almost seven square miles of its built-up area reduced to ashes. The efficiency under fire, and teamwork displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland were important factors in the excellent
results obtained. Their high degree of courage, and devotion to duty reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Ernest W Dearborn, 0762561, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant John R Johnson, 0866997, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Donald A Lent, 0684618, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant George J Weber, 0698804, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Warren G Cook, 11030711, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Earl B Cousins, 32369158, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Rudolph J Croce, 33595236, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Bruno J Szwarce, 42058824, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Donald E Van Pelt, 17073972, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Paul F Young, 16081492, Air Corps, United States Army.

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First Lieutenant Paul K Beck, 0698639, (then Second Lieutenant), 883rd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 3 January 1945. Lieutenant Beck was the Navigator if a B-29 aircraft on a mission from a base in the Marianas against the urban area of Nagoya, Japan. During the bombing run, intense, and accurate flak was encountered, which not only caused battle damage to the bomber, but wounded two of the crew members. In addition, several enemy fighters pressed attacks, inflicting further damage. In spite of this heavy enemy opposition, an excellent bombing run was made, with projectiles saturating the target area. Although his plane was subjected to further opposition, a successful withdrawal was accomplished, and he navigated the crippled aircraft safely to its home base. The superior professional skill, courage under fire, and devotion to displayed by Lieutenant Beck, Veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.
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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 5 May 1945. These individuals were crew members of a B-29 aircraft leading a group of four squadrons from a base in the Marianas islands on a bombing mission against the Hiro Naval Aircraft Factory at Kure, Japan. Adverse weather conditions prevented an assembly at the assigned rendezvous point, but an excellent assembly was accomplished at the Japanese coast in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire which damaged several aircrafts in the formation. An excellent radar approach was made to the target and despite aggressive fighter attacks and intense, accurate anti-aircraft fire over seventy-five per cent of the bombs fell within 1,000 feet of the aiming point. The superior airmanship and leadership displayed by these crewmen were a large measure responsible for the success of this mission, and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Captain Hale W Hays, 0724419, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.  
First Lieutenant Harold E Towner, 0703826, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.  
First Lieutenant Wilbur S Weksler, 0703835, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator.  
Staff Sergeant Stanley A Burulia, 32452606, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.

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SECTION V

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 Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in classified letter, file AG 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 officer:

Captain Edward B Feathers, 0427448, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 29 May 1945. Captain Feathers was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft leading a squadron on a major bombardment from a base in the Marianas against Yokohama, Japan. He assembled the formation within sight of the enemy mainland, where the danger of fighter attacks was greatest. From landfall to the target, the squadron was subjected to heavy and intense flak and repeated interceptor assaults. In spite of these hazards, Captain Feathers led the formation in an exact radar approach. Visual corrections brought the aiming point directly under their bombsights, and Captain Feather’s squadron aided in meting out some of the heaviest destruction yet dealt a Japanese city. More than fifty percent of their bombs fell within 1000 feet of the aiming point, and almost seven square miles of the city was destroyed. The skill and leadership displayed by Captain Feathers, veteran of repeated assaults against this enemy homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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Staff Sergeant David J Hobens, 32911362, (then Sergeant) 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the Japanese Empire on 29 May 1945. Sergeant Hobens was a Gunner on a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas which successfully bombed the heavily-defended
industrial city of Yokohama, despite enemy fighter attacks and intense flak in the target area. Approximately 150 miles south of the target, while returning to his home base, Sergeant Hobens observed a parachute nearing the water. He immediately notified the pilot and the course was altered toward the distressed airman. After dropping him a life raft, they radioed an air-sea rescue aircraft and then circled the area for two and one half hours until the rescue plane arrived. The downed airman was picked up a few hours later by a friendly submarine. The sighting and rescue was largely attributable to the alertness of Sergeant Hobens. The initiative and devotion to duty displayed by this veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflects great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Staff Sergeant Richard M Landsman 18232747, (then Sergeant) 881st, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 19 February 1945. Sergeant Landsman was a Gunner on a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas which successfully bombed a heavily defended industrial target near Tokyo, despite severe damage from determined fighter attacks and intense flak. Just before the bombs were dropped Sergeant Landsman shot down one of the enemy fighters, Immediately after the bomb release the number three engine caught fire and the propeller became uncontrollable, the aircraft was dived at high speed for several thousand feet in an attempt to extinguish the fire. The propeller spun off, out a ten feet hole in the right side of the fuselage, severed all engine controls for number four engine, the pilot’s controls and partially tore off the right front bomb-bay door. The aircraft was leveled off a 3000 feet. The return flight to base was made on three engines and landed without brakes and without injury to the crew. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Landsman, veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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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 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 Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officers:

Captain Walker E Landaker, 0433016, 883rd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight over Japan on 29 May 1945. Captain Landaker was Bombardier of a B-29 aircraft designated as leader of a combat squadron on a mission from a base in the Marianas against Yokohama, Japan. In
spite of enemy fighter attacks and heavy anti-aircraft fire over the target, the excellent teamwork and calmness under fire displayed by Captain Landaker contributed directly to the excellent results obtained from this mission in which more than fifty percent of the bombs fell within 1000 feet of the aiming point. Six and nine tenths square miles of the target were reduced to ashes. His high professional skill, courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Homer L Bourland, 0684254, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight over Japan on 17 May 1945. Lieutenant Bourland, was Pilot on a B-29 type aircraft officially designated as pathfinder from a base in the Marianas against important military and industrial targets in the urban area of Nagoya. The assigned duty of Lieutenant Bourland’s crew was to outline the target area with their bombs for the following aircraft. As his plane approached the target, it was caught and held for more than five minutes by approximately fifty enemy searchlights. During this time, he was subjected to intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. In spite of the heavy enemy defenses, Lieutenant Bourland’s cool determination and skill materially aided in the successful run which placed the bombs on the target, thus providing an excellent visual aiming point for the main force of B-29’s. After bombs away, enemy flak continued intense and accurate until cloud cover was reached. The calmness and efficient skill under fire displayed by Lieutenant Bourland, a veteran of repeated missions against the Japanese homeland, were material factors in the successful completion of this attack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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Staff Sergeant William S Cloud, 38418727, (then Sergeant), 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 19 February 1945. Sergeant Cloud was a Gunner of a combat crew which successfully bombed the heavily defended Musashino aircraft engine plant at Tokyo, Japan despite numerous determined fighter attacks and intense anti-aircraft fire. During the bomb run his plane received a direct hit in the right wing from a heavy flak fragment causing extensive damage to the wing.
and loss power in one engine. Despite the cripples condition of the plane it was kept in formation and the bomb run was continued. His gunnery was so expert that he destroyed one enemy fighter and the remainder were driven off. Such courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Cloud, a veteran of repeated missions against the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XXIII

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 Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in classified letter, file AG 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 man of the 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a bombing mission against the heavily defended naval arsenal at Kure, Japan, on 22 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft which led a formation from a base in the Marianas to attack this vital target. Through their skill an excellent formation was maintained although they suffered loss of power in one engine. Despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire they proceeded on to the target and dropped their bombs with devastating effect. The high professional ability and exemplary coolness of these individuals in performing their duties while under intense enemy fire are in the best tradition of the military service and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Hugh F McNamer, 0492050, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Robert G Troop, 0703826, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Keith P Vint, 0704566, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant John J Hogg Jr, 3464854, Air Corps, United States Army.

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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 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 Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a maximum effort incendiary strike against the urban area of Tokyo, Japan, on 25 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft flying through adverse and rapidly changing weather conditions on the long over-water flight from their base in the Marianas Islands to the target area. Over Tokyo a great number of searchlights were encountered, directing intense fire by enemy anti-aircraft installations and fighters. Despite very severe opposition, each crew member performed his assigned duty with exemplary skill and coolness, thereby contributing directly to the efficient teamwork which enabled this crew to release its weight of bombs with maximum effect. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland resulted in a devastating blow against enemy installations and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Robert M Cordray, 0418121, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.
First Lieutenant Clinton C Cator, 02060470, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.
First Lieutenant Jay H Reichbach, 0830940, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.
Staff Sergeant Warren D Crisman, 37417249, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant John A Lambeth Jr, 14090511, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.
Staff Sergeant Edwin D Levin, 16119980, Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant George D Mickey, 33766198, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Gunner.
Staff Sergeant Elmo Neal, 35261801, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.
Master Sergeant Ralph S Breeden, 19074249, (then Technical Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.

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Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F Brannock, 0385549, 882nd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on a raid from a base in the Marianas against Nagoya, Japan on 23 January 1945. Colonel Brannock as flying in number three position of the lead element of a B-29’s as Acting Command Pilot. He distinguished himself by his exceptional courage when, at the risk of his own life, he left his position in the formation to follow a seriously damaged aircraft to a dangerously low altitude below the main force, protection him to the utmost of his ability against a swarm of enemy fighters. During this period Colonel Brannock’s airplane suffered serious damage which necessitated a return to base with one engine at reduced power and without standard navigation equipment. He made a successful landing with only one aileron control, no breaks and without flaps. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Brannock, veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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 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 officer and enlisted man:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 28 April 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of the lead airplane of a squadron of B-29 aircraft on a
bombardment mission against the Izumi airfield, Kyushu, Japan. Assigned the important task of touching off the bombing by their own release of projectiles, they successfully navigated the long over-water light to the objective and made assembly with the formation. Reaching the target through severe opposition, this crew located the aiming point accurately, dropping their bombs with such synchronization that ninety-five percent of the entire formation’s explosives struck within 1000 feet of the aiming point. The leadership and determination of these crew members, together with their superior airmanship, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant George V Famiglio, 0695414, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Charles R Kolb, 0811668, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Ronald J Jones, 32440687, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 23 January 1945. These individuals were combat crew members flying from a base in the Marianas Islands against the heavily defended target area of Nagoya, Japan. They suffered numerous fighter attacks from the beginning of the bomb run to land’s end. Despite the determined enemy opposition they were able to keep close formation and were credited with destroying one fighter. Although two of these individuals were wounded and three turrets and all mechanical navigational equipment rendered inoperative they released their bombs with excellent results on the briefed primary target. During this pioneer period no emergency airfields were available but they accomplished the long over water flight to their home base. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Raymond W Clanton, 0760671, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Raymond A Porter, 0868658, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Harold L Bramble, 37486811, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Charles W. Zetterstrom, 32605996, Air Corps, United States Army.

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 26 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 flying from a base in the Marianas Islands on a bombing attack against the heavily defended arsenal at Osaka, Japan. One from their base they suffered partial loss of power of one engine because of an internal malfunction, and a propeller became uncontrollable on a second engine. Despite these mechanical difficulties they courageously proceeded to their assigned objective. Reaching the Japanese mainland severe icing conditions were encountered. Ice and lack of power necessitated bombing individually at an altitude below the majority of the other aircraft. Despite an enemy fighter attack, heavy flak throughout the target area and the ever present hazard of falling bombs they struck the primary target with excellent results and returned to their home base. The courage and devotion to duty of these veterans of numerous assaults against the Japanese homeland, typified by their coordinated team work, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Staff Sergeant Jones T Corlew, 37424809, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Nicholas Gladke, 32996769, Air Corps, United States Army.

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SECTION XXXI

DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)
1. So much of Section X, General Orders No. 132, XXI BC, dated 4 July 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Ronald J Jones, 32446087, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, as reads: “announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross”, is amended to read: “announcement is made of the award of the Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished-Flying Cross”.

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SECTION III

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 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 Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant Patrick F Vaccaro, 0930989, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 2 August 1945. Lieutenant Vaccaro was Navigator on a B-29 type aircraft based in the Marianas Islands assigned to strike the urban area of Toyama, Japan in a night incendiary mission. As his plane neared the coast of Japan, an engine began to backfire and lose power. Considerable difficulty was encountered in maintaining air speed and altitude. Determined, however, to bomb the primary target, the long flight across the Island of Honshu was continued. An excellent instrument run was made enabling the bombs to be dropped on the target area increasing the fires already started which finally destroyed ninety-nine and five tenths percent of the target area. The long return flight was made over enemy territory once more and, when finally over water, the malfunctioning engine was feathered. Precise navigation enabled the disabled bomber to reach its home base on three engines. A veteran of twenty-nine combat missions, Lieutenant Vaccaro displayed calmness, courage, and devotion to duty which reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION XXXIV

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 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 Distinguished Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 15 February 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 type aircraft flying from a base in the Marianas Islands on a bombing attack against the heavily defended dock areas of Nagoya, Japan. Soon after they departed from the assembly point a frontal penetration had to be effected with the hope of grouping at the reassembly point. As they began, extremely hazardous icing conditions caused abortions by many of the accompanying B-29’s. By determination and courage these crewmen continued in flight coping with every situation that endangered the course of their aircraft toward its objective. As they neared the coast line of Japan the front had been completely penetrated. No friendly ships could be sighted and inasmuch as the reassembly point was engulfed in the overcast it was doubtful that the target could be attacked in formation. A single plane attack or the primary target would result in the probable loss of their aircraft before damage could be inflicted. They selected the secondary target for their objective. Although the course from the rendezvous point to the target was well protected by more than twenty enemy aircraft they decided to attack. Throughout the entire bomb run their plane was under constant fighter attacks and unrelenting anti-aircraft fire. They released their bombs visually with excellent results on the target. By their demonstration of strict loyalty and devotion to duty, in their unswerving desire to destroy the enemy and his means to wage war, these veterans repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Robert W Campbell, 0562676, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant Leonard I Hughes, 0683454, Air Corps, United States Army.
First Lieutenant William L Ryalls, 0868664, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Floyd W Franklin, 14026560, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Alton E Blakely, 39251915, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Richard C Johnson, 39562554, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Clyde B Salaz, 39532559, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Thomas J More, 38347848, Air Corps, United States Army.
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SECTION II

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Captain Walker E Landaker, 0433016, 883rd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 10 May 1945. Captain Landaker was Bombardier on a lead B-29 aircraft from a base in the Marianas Islands assigned to bomb Tokuyama naval oil storage at Tokuyama, Japan. Accurate anti-aircraft fire was encountered on the bomb run but he scored outstanding bombing results, as evidenced by later strike photos showing that sixty-five percent of the projectiles fell within 1000 feet of the aiming point. The bomber in which he was flying was hit by anti aircraft fire in the number two engine necessitating a three engine return to home base. Captain Landaker a veteran of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, discharged his duties with exceptional skill and courage throughout the missions. His spirit, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Kenneth B Smith, 025955, 883rd, Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 2 August 1945. Lieutenant Smith was Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands and assigned to strike the urban area of Toyama, Japan in a night incendiary mission. As he neared the coast of Japan, an engine began to backfire and power was lost. He experienced extreme difficulty in maintaining air speed and altitude. Determined, however, to bomb the primary target, Lieutenant Smith decided to go on the long flight across the island of Honshu was continued. The bombs were dropped on the target area increasing the fires already started which finally destroyed ninety-nine and five tenths percent of the target area. The long return flight was made over enemy territory once more and when finally over water, the malfunctioning engine was feathered. Excellent flying skill was demonstrated by Lieutenant Smith in bringing back his bomber to its home base on three engines. A veteran of repeated combat missions, Lieutenant Smith displayed coolness, courage, and devotion to duty which reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.
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SECTION VIII

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS
So much of Section VII, General Orders No. 24, this be, dated 6 August 1945, is amended to deleted “Captain Harlan C Jackson, 0666298, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander”.
"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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SECTION VIII

THE SOLDIERS’ MEDAL --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 Soldiers’ Medal Star to the following named enlisted man:
Master Sergeant GEORGE A. LUCAS, 17004430, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For heroism displayed on an island in the Marianas on 27 November 1944. While under machine gun and cannon fire from low-flying enemy aircraft, Sergeant Lucas, with the assistance of one of his maintenance crew, extinguished a fire on a B-29 aircraft. This act was accomplished at the risk of personal injury from enemy fire and despite the possibility of imminent combustion of high test gasoline. Sergeant Lucas’ resourcefulness and complete disregard for his own personal safety resulted in saving a vitally needed aircraft and exemplifies the finest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

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SECTION VIII

THE SOLDIERS’ MEDAL — 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 Soldiers’ Medal Star to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant WALTER J. TYPE, 6997894, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For heroism 2 January 1945 during an enemy bombing attack on a B-29 base in the Marianas Islands. Sergeant TYPE, while on duty in the area under attack, voluntarily left the safety of his shelter to render aid to an airplane guard severely wounded by fragments from a rocket bomb. Despite continuous attack by enemy bombers and a continuous barrage of anti-aircraft fire directly overhead, Sergeant TYPE remained in the open applying vital first aid measures. While still exposed to continuous fire, he transported the wounded man to a medical dispensary for emergency surgery. Sergeant TYPE’S prompt and courageous disregard of danger in assisting a severely wounded comrade, contributed materially to the complete recovery of the injured man, thereby reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.
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**

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bull 3, WD, 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: for
meritorious service in connection with military operation against the enemy from 9 March to 19 March 1945.

882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Master Sergeant Oram H Lorenzen, 6281781, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Orren R Sperry, 32290528, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Carl G Williams, 14033648, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant George E Davis, 34175945, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Harold T Hannum, 32075130, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant Mervin L Dodson, 6846234, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS )

: 6 July 1945

NO . . . . . 136 )

SECTION IV

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bull 3, WD, 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:

Master sergeant John P Kianka, 6716896, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 November 1944 to 30 April 1945.

Master Sergeant Luzader M Payne, 16027646, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 24 November 1944 to 5 April 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS

8 September 1945

NO . . . . . 57

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL—By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bull 3, WD, 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: for meritorious service in connection with military operation against the enemy from 9 March to 19 March 1945.

[Editor’s Note: There were 17 awards with this order. We believe that all the citations were basically the same as the one for Master Sergeant Lucas shown below except for the number of missions flown and the dates. The Lucas specific citation is the only one found at this date]

Master Sergeant GEORGE A. LUCAS, 17004430, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy. As Crew Chief of a B-29 airplane this non-commissioned officer organized and led his assistants so as to keep the airplane to which he was assigned in superior mechanical condition, thereby enabling it to be flown twenty-two missions from 4 March to 9 August 1945. Most of this work was performed during hours of darkness, under adverse weather and climatic conditions. In spite of overwhelming physical fatigue imposed by unusually long hours of hard work, he accomplished exceptional maintenance. Although many necessary tools were unavailable, through his own ingenuity he devised and employed many field expedients and substitutes. The leadership, technical ability and determination displayed by Sergeant Lucas were vital factors contributing to the success of the B-29 raids from the Marianas Islands against the enemy, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces.

Master Sergeant Stuart H. Alexander, 6905181, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 17 April 1945 to 14 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Kenneth W. Carr, 11023647, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 February 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Master Sergeant Doc B. Duncan, 14029182, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 2 February 1945 to 27 April 1945.

Master Sergeant Benjamin H. Eilers, 17030245, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 5 March 1945 to 2 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Earl E. Foster, 6250732, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 14 May 1945 to 8 August 1945.
Staff Sergeant Norris H. Hargrave, 18179922, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 9 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Howard W. Helms, 6920018, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 8 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Arthur E. Johnson, 16045777, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 25 January 1945 to 23 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant George C. Kraus, 37317467, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 9 August 1945.

Master Sergeant George A. Lucas, 17004430, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 9 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Cecil E. Moody, 38102957, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 8 December 1944 to 8 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Richard H. Newton, 6951717, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 10 May 1945 to 14 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Ernest A. Nistal, 7001052, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 9 January 1945 to 17 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Clay M. Powell, 38183246. 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 4 March 1945 to 8 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Bernard R. Purcell Jr., 18010847, 883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 24 November 1944 to 14 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Walter A. Raynes, 35210431, 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 3 December 1944 to 8 August 1945.

Master Sergeant Sydney F. Smith, 12002120, 882nd 881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy, from 31 March 1945 to 14 August 1945.
GENERAL ORDERS  

22 August 1945

NO. . . . . . 41

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bull 3, WD, 1944), and pursuant to 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 Star Medal to the following named officer:

Technical Sergeant Earl M Davis, 14054884, 3rd Photo Reconnaissance Squadron, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from 1 November 1944 to 1 June 1945.

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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.

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GENERAL ORDERS  )  
23 January 1945  
NO . . . . 2)

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, a Purple Heart is awarded the following named enlisted man of wounds received during enemy air action on Saipan, M. I.

882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group  
Staff Sergeant Edwin D Levin, 16119980, Air Corps, United States Army, for wounds received on 2 January 1945.
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San Francisco, California

GENERAL ORDERS )

NO . . . . 13 )

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, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.

882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Second Lieutenant William B. Mason, 02060329, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 25 March 1945.

883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Staff Sergeant Charles L. Bowers, 35596512, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 7 April 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS )

NO . . . . 14 )

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, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.
882<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 500<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group
First Lieutenant David Green, 0735174, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 16 April 1945.
First Lieutenant John E Reeves, 0733726, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 10 March 1945.
Corporal Marshall E Fine, 39135549, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 16 April 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS )

: 27 April 1945

NO . . . . 15 )

1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.

881<sup>st</sup> Bombardment Squadron, 500<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group
First Lieutenant Frederick R Frye, 0854419, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 24 April 1945.
Second Lieutenant Donald J Hacker, 0828420, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 24 April 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS )

: 9 May 1945

NO . . . . 16 )

1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted man for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.
882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Staff Sergeant John J Chester, 32516934, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 5 May 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS ) 18 May 1945
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NO . . . . . 17 )

1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.

881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Sergeant Clyde H Miller, 39170039, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 11 May 1945.
Sergeant Harold S Bobel, 35504367, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 11 May 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS ) 24 May 1945
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NO . . . . . 18 )

1. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.

881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Staff Sergeant John R Coleman, 18083334, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 14 May 1945.
Sergeant Anthony J Bernazza, 12122396, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 14 May 1945.
Sergeant Edward Fers, 11138322, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 14 May 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS )
1 June 1945
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NO . . . . 19 )

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officer for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.

881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
1st Lieutenant Robert T DeNeve, 02068837, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 11 May 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS )
14 June 1945
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NO . . . . 20 )

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.

883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
1st Lieutenant Robert L Oesterreicher, 0811725, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 5 June 1945.

882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Staff Sergeant William R Lange Jr., 39703240, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 5 June 1945.

HEADQUARTERS 73rd Bombardment Wing
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GENERAL ORDERS )

NO . . . . . 21 )

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 a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 27 November 1944.

882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Staff Sergeant Virgil H Talley, 18060857, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private Charles T Geston, 12076617, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private William H McComb, 19095156, Air Corps, United States Army.

HEADQUARTERS 73rd Bombardment Wing
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GENERAL ORDERS )

NO . . . . . 22 )

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 a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men, Headquarters, 500th Bomb Group, for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 27 November 1944.

1st Lieutenant Abraham D Maslan, 0563795, Air Corps, United States Army.
2nd Lieutenant Earl E Reynolds, 0864886, Air Corps, United States Army.
Master Sergeant William A Schorwerte, 20522557, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Wayland L Walker, 18038401, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Orell Fitzsimmons, 6299872, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant August Kovak, 6889722, Air Corps, United States Army.
Technical Sergeant Edward T Dorr, 11023787, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant Joseph W Smidt, 31048621, Air Corps, United States Army.
Staff Sergeant C. I. Johnson, 34420967, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Eugene J Quinn, 37412137, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Roosevelt T Tester, 6943879, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Salvatore P Piraino, 16125054, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Bernard Marlin, 12110497, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Orien P Killeen, 34152326, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Leroy J Hesselbach, 37417690, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant John H Francis, 39252631, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Alan H Cantrell, 11073320, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Joseph F Salmon, 31308387, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Guido Poletti, 33038911, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Merritt A Morris, 35216311, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Edmund A Mangello, 13041765, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Robert W Kamp, 26660146, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Arthur G Glock Jr., 12035359, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Alvin T Dolan, 35680625, Air Corps, United States Army.
Sergeant Jack H Ariss, 16010871, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Russell E Webb, 17077009, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal George A Mercado, 32140277, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Joseph L Kniskly, 36861872, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Edmund K Moody Jr., 18187367, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Ralph H Numni, 17155052, Air Corps, United States Army.
Corporal Robert W Frazer, 35624302, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private First Class George W Waggoner, 38222913, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private First Class William M Davis, 31260191, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private First Class Joe H Hill, 357232868, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private First Class John P Breeden, Jr., 39115299, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private Roy O Maki, 16150168, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private Edward A Clark, 35779660, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private John T Abbas, 35609008, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private James B Pardue, 34600429, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private Leslie, G Maffitt, 39316805, Air Corps, United States Army.
Private Alexander Chagknovich, 39550350, Air Corps, United States Army.

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GENERAL ORDERS )
14 December 1944
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, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 27 November 1944.

Corporal Myron L McNabb, 39550832, Air Corps, United States Army.

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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, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted man for wounds received as a result of enemy action on 3 December 1944.

883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Corporal James M Stanfield Jr., 34816957, Air Corps, United States Army.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in XXI Bomber Command Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted man for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.
883rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Staff Sergeant Huston H Powers, 14048586, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received 3 July 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS ) 31 July 1945 :
NO . . . . . 29 )

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in Twentieth Air Force Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officer for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.

881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
First Lieutenant Milton A Boomhower, 0697616, Air Corps, United States Army for wounds received on 24th July 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS ) September 1945 :
NO . . . . . 35 )

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART: By direction of the President and pursuant to authority contained in Twentieth Air Force Regulation 35-16, 24 December 1944, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officer for wounds received while engaged in action against the enemy over Japan.

881st Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group
Colonel Richard T King, 012232, Air Corps, United States Army, for wounds received on 3 December 1944 while subject officer was assigned to this Headquarters.

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