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SECTION VII: AWARDS TO THE 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L).

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SECTION VII

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No 9158, (Bull. 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, (Bull. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men of the 416th Bombardment Group (L), in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

RICHARD T. McBrien	0-750085	2ND LT	Elkins Park, Pa.
WARREN (NMI) FORMA	0-749633	2ND LT	New York, N.Y.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

EDWARD J. FENTH	0-26346	1ST LT	Washington, D.C.
CLAUDE W. JONES	0-749719	2ND LT	Mobile, Ala.
JOSEPH (NMI) KUPTIS	0-748012	2ND LT	Philadelphia, Pa.
WILLARD H. LAND	0-684357	2ND LT	Rodessa, La.
ROBERT J. McQUADE	0-749916	2ND LT	Marquette, Mich.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

FRANCIS H. BURSELL	0-749712.	2ND LT	Whitman, Mass.
THOMAS J. LEONARD	0-747830	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
Chester W. Maziasz	36177150	Sgt	Detroit, Mich.
James C. McKee	14047810	Pvt	Atlanta, Ga.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

ROBERT J. BASNETT	0-749745	2ND LT	Webb City, Mo.
Italo R. DeGiusti	38190462	S/Sgt	Tulsa, Okla.

2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following-named officers and

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enlisted men of the 416th Bombardment Group (L), are awarded the BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bull. 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, (Bull. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

First Oak Leaf Cluster

a. G.O. 53, Hq, Antilles Air Command, 28 Sep 1943.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Joseph L. Feistl 7021806 Sgt KILLED IN ACTION
Next of Kin: Mrs Grace Feistl(Mother)
39 W First Avenue
Larksville, Pa.

Second Oak Leaf Cluster

b. G.O. 29, Hq, Antilles Air Command, 13 July 1943.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Jean R. L. Tanner 6562842 T/Sgt Bakersfield, Calif.

c. Awarded by Competent GO, Fifth Air Force, date unknown.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Wilmar L. Kidd 19020343 S/Sgt Neodesha, Kansas.

Third Oak Leaf Cluster.

d. G.O. 80, Fifth Air Force, 8 May 1943.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Felix H. Larronde 19049952 T/Sgt Bishop, Calif.

e. G.O. 59, War Department, 22 Sep 1943.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Amos E. Bergeron 18060379 S/Sgt Eunice, La.

f. G.O. 33, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 1 Oct 1943.

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671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

HILLARY P. COLE 0-660245 1ST LT Tundall, S. Dak.

g. G.O. 82, War Department, 29 Nov 1943.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

WILLIAM (NMI) BATTERSBY 0-411681 CAPT Manchester, N.H.

h. G.O. 22, IX Fighter Command, 11 Dec 1943.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Joseph F. Kasper 6944924 S/Sgt Plymouth, Pa.

Seventh Oak Leaf Cluster

i. G.O. 21, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 7 Sep 1943.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Arnold A Stockham 18045346 S/Sgt Tucson, Ariz.

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By Command of Lieutenant General BRERETON:

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I certify the above to be a true extract.

J.T.S. MORRIS,
Captain, Air Corps.

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