

Exhibit #1-May 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

In reply refer
to: 330.13

APO 696, U S Army
10 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, IX Bomber Command, APO 140, U S Army.

1. Your attention is invited to the following letter received from Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, Air Commander-in-Chief, Allied Expeditionary Air Force:

"Now that full reports have come in relating to the recent concentrated effort against special targets in Northern France, it is apparent that of all Bomber Forces involved, those of Ninth Air Force proved to be by far the most efficacious in knocking out these difficult and well defended targets.

"2. I have also watched the results of the Ninth Air Force operations against coastal defence batteries, and here again have been impressed with the accuracy of the bombing.

"3. The concentrated, determined, and highly skilled manner in which these Groups have operated augurs well for the future, and I shall be glad if you will convey my congratulations to all those air and ground crews which have been involved in these operations."

/s/ T. LEIGH-MALLORY.
Air Chief Marshal,
Air Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Expeditionary Air Force."

2. It is with genuine pride and satisfaction in your accomplishments that I forward this letter on to you and every member of your command. You have had keen competition in your relentless assaults against the enemy and the statement of the Air Commander-in-Chief that you have "proved to be by far the most efficacious in knocking out these difficult and well defended targets" is in itself great praise.

3. I have full faith and confidence in your ability and determination to maintain your most commendable record in the approaching invasion of the Continent. I wish you every success.

/s/ L. H. BRERETON,
Major General, USA,
Commanding.

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330.13, ltr HQ, NINTH AIR FORCE, subj Commendation, 10 May 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS, IX BomBER COMMAND, APO 140, U S ARMY, 15 May 1944.

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TO: Commanding Officers, All Combat Wings, IX Bomber Command;
Commanding Officers, All Stations, IX Bomber Command.

1. The above letter from the Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, expressing his pride and satisfaction in the accomplishments of IX Bomber Command and his faith and confidence in IX Bomber Command's ability and determination to operate efficiently and effectively in the coming invasion of the Continent and this indorsement will be:

- a. read to all combat crew members at briefing;
- b. posted on all Squadron bulletin boards on your station for a period of three days in order that all station personnel may be informed of the high regard the Air Commander-in-Chief, Allied Expeditionary Air Force, and the Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, have for IX Bomber Command and its accomplishments and of my own great pride in IX Bomber Command.

2. I dictate the above steps to inform all personnel of this letter because I am fully aware that the present scale of operations and the excellent bombing results being obtained are possible only because each officer and enlisted man in IX Bomber Command is doing his assigned task in the most efficient and loyal manner possible. Combat crews deliver the bombs; the work of the ground personnel makes it possible for them to do so. Any credit due IX Bomber Command belongs to the command as a whole--not to any individuals or class of individuals.

3. General Brereton's expression of faith and confidence in IX Bomber Command is most gratifying. It is also a challenge to us all. I am fully confident that no unit or individual of IX Bomber Command will fail to do his utmost to make the approaching invasion of the Continent the greatest success in military history. Your utmost efforts will be necessary, but I am confident they will be sufficient for victory. You have been tested and found worthy of the great part you will take in the supreme effort to crush our enemies. I am proud of you and confident of your success.

Samuel E. Anderson
SAMUEL E. ANDERSON,
Brigadier General, USA,
Commanding.

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PRESS RELEASE

Exhibit #2-May 1944

MONTH-END SUMMARY

Bridges and railway centers, vital communications links in Germany's western European fortress, and airfields and coastal defence installations along the invasion shores of the continent took a better than 14,500-ton bomb pounding during the month of May, according to today's operational summary revealing activities of Ninth Air Force bombers during the 31-day period.

Behind them, in battered France and Belgium, the Ninth's Marauder B-26 medium and Havoc A-20 light bombers left destruction the like of which has not been equalled during the history of the Ninth in the European Theatre. It was a record month in more ways than one.

Of 13 bridges attacked-- 12 were destroyed and one was badly damaged.

Of 12 airfields attacked-- 10 were successfully bombed, 8 hangars being destroyed or badly damaged and 34 aircraft shelters destroyed.

Of 15 other important military installations attacked-- 12 were destroyed or badly damaged.

In addition to these, the interior port installations of the Dieppe Port area, France, were severely pounded with measureable damage, and an important naval headquarters was hit and severely damaged.

These were specific results of a month of activity in which during 24 days of operational flying the Ninth bombers flew 38 missions involving a total of more than 8300 attacks on enemy positions. Heaviest previous month for the Marauders and Havocs was April when bomb tonnage was up to 9,999 tons, and when the number of missions and individual attacks was much less.

While bare figures indicate the weight of numbers and bombs, the real results of the 31-day blasting lie in the extent and momentum of the pre-invasion softening-up program which has been maintained at the tempo unprecedented in the history of the Ninth Bomber Command. Relentless pounding of the highway and railway bridges, the rail centers and traffic arteries upon which the Nazis must depend for defence of their "West Wall", and upon the airfields and associated military installations on which they depend for air protection--these have been the major objectives in this big pre-invasion month of May. Not only have bombing results been more than good, but attacks have ranged along the entire coast and throughout the northwestern France and Belgium areas.

Day after day the Marauders and Havocs have appeared over the Nazi fortress to dump their explosive loads. Spot reconnaissance following these attacks indicates that Hitler's occupational forces have been hard-pressed as a result of damage to rail lines and roads feeding from the interior to the critical coastal front positions along the channel.

Intensity of the assault on key German defences is revealed in the most recent activities of Marauders which for the past ten days have concentrated on important rail and highway bridges and upon airfields and other military objectives in the Seine River valley between Paris and Rouen. From the air today the valley discloses a string of broken bridges whose mason-work and structural members have been wrecked and tangled by the heaviest bomb smashing this section has ever seen. More than 4,000 tons of high explosives were rained on these targets during the month, mostly in the last ten days, a tonnage that is nearly half the total bomb tonnage of the previous month of April.

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Figurewise, this creditable performance was not without its cost, for during the month 44 Marauders and Havocs were lost over enemy territory--32 Marauders and 12 Havocs--as compared with April losses of 19 Marauders and five Havocs.

But more significant was the fact that these May operations were carried out with such outstanding success in the face of the heaviest flak defenses yet encountered. The tenacity and battleworthiness of these bombers and their crews is definitely shown in their ability to take the extremely heavy blasting from ground-guns and still go on to deliver a series of highly effective results.

The score in the air was not altogether one-sided, for while the repeated sorties of the Ninth bombers failed to flush the Luftwaffe in numbers there were various accounts of enemy encounters and the medium and light bombers are credited with downing three enemy fighters and damaging one other. These figures do not include the potential damage done to numerous enemy aircraft on the ground and in shelters on the airfields attacked.

No bombers were lost to Luftwaffe fighters during the last month.

Three of the big Seine river bridges to fall under blows of the Marauders during late May were the Maisons la Fritte and Poissy rail bridges and the Conflans highway span, all on the western edge of the metropolitan area of Paris. Evidence of the destruction done to these important units was definitely revealed in reconnaissance photographs and follow-in observation made shortly after the bombings.

Typical of the destruction wrought on Seine Valley bridges is that which Marauders leveled upon the Mantes-Gassicourt highway bridge, 20 miles west of Paris and the Meulan highway span, 10 miles west of Paris on May 30.

A reconnaissance sortie ten minutes after the bombers left their targets reveals the Mantes-Gassicourt structure was demolished and the north span of the Meulan bridge was knocked into the river. The Athis Mons and the Orival rail bridges, both over the Seine between Paris and Rouen, were administered a similar pounding by the mediums. In the same week the Liege Val Benoit bridge near Liege, Belgium, was dealt a destructive blow.

Striking at these slender bridge targets, which appear no wider than a lead pencil through the bombardier's sights, the Marauders' accomplishment for the month is doubly-emphasized and experienced observers sum it up as a month of "difficult targets, tough enemy opposition, and excellent results".

As expressed in an official commendation to group commanders and officers and men of the Ninth Bomber Command, "These results represent a magnificent contribution to the allied cause--your attacks have most seriously hampered the feverish preparations being made by the Germans to repel the expected invasion."

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Exhibit #3-May 1944

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APO 696, U.S. Army,
21 May 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 144)

E X T R A C T

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

SECTION VI

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, a DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named officer:

HORACE F. PAIR, O-747882, Second Lieutenant, 671st Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For distinguished and meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations on 19 March 1944. Lt. Pair served as Pilot of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched against a heavily defended objective in occupied Europe. While approaching the target his aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire which incapacitated one of the engines. Displaying unusual skill and determination, Lt. PAIR maintained his aircraft in formation and successfully participated in the effective destruction of the target. Forced to fall out of the formation, Lt PAIR succeeded in nursing his badly shattered aircraft back over friendly territory, where he was successful in effecting a crash-landing without loss of crew. The keen professional skill, high courage, and unselfish devotion to duty demonstrated by Lt PAIR in the accomplishment of a most difficult mission, exemplify the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, a SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

Victor P. Adams, 35048527, Sergeant, 671st Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For heroism on 19 March 1944. Sgt Adams served as gunner on an A-20 type aircraft which had been badly damaged in a combat mission over enemy territory, and was forced to crash-land in the first available clearing in friendly territory. The aircraft burst into flames upon landing, and all members of the crew were injured and the Pilot badly injured and unconscious. As the Pilot lay stunned and the crew members endeavored to extricate themselves from the blazing wreckage, Sgt Adams, unmindful of his own injuries and showing gallant intrepidity, mounted the wing of the burning plane, cut loose the Pilot's safety belt, extricated his foot which was caught in the wreckage, and with the aid of two civilians lifted the unconscious Pilot to safety. The heroism in the face of great danger and the devotion shown for his Pilot in peril of death are in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

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EXHIBIT #4-MAY 1944

APO 140, U S Army,
25 May 1944.

GENERAL ORDER 3)

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EXTRACTAWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following individuals:

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

9. JOSEPH G. CRISPINO, 0799946, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received while serving as pilot of an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission on 19 May 1944.
Home Address: Painted Post, New York.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

10. WILLIAM A. MERCHANT, 0806300, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 May 1944, while serving as pilot of an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Home address: Wichita, Kansas.

11. Benjamin G. Fandre, 36815235, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 May 1944, while serving as a gunner on an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Home address: Wausau, Wisconsin.

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By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C.C. Vega, Jr.
/t/ C.C. VEGA, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant General.

I certify the above to be a true extract

Frank M. Hoppe
FRANK M. HOPPE,
Group Historical Officer.

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GENERAL ORDERS)APO 140, U S Army,
16 May 1944.

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E X T R A C TAward of the PURPLE HEART
SECTION I

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 60-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following individuals:

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
668 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

7. Edwin A. Anderson, 31324736, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 May 1944, while serving as gunner on an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Home address: Seymour, Conn.

8. Lewis M. Daugherty, 14176606, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 13 May 1944, while serving as gunner on an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Home address: McIntosh, Alabama.

9. Arlington W. Newkirk, 13157600, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 May 1944, while serving as gunner on an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Home address: Lancaster, Penna.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

10. ROBERT C. GRUETZEMACHER, 0421542, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 11 May 1944, while serving as pilot of an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Home address: University City, Missouri.

11. Paul B. Driskill, 38341351, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 12 May 1944, while serving as gunner on an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Home address: Avoca, Texas.

12. John W Moran, 16038462, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 12 May 1944, while serving as gunner on an A-20G airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Home address: Chicago, Ill.

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By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C.C. Vega, Jr.
t/ C.C. VEGA, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant General.

This is a TRUE EXTRACT

Frank M. Hoppe

FRANK M. HOPPE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Historical Officer.

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EXHIBIT #6-May 1944

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IX BOMBER COMMAND

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APO 140, U S Army,
24 May 1944.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART ... SECTION I

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SECTION I

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following individuals:

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

19. LUTHER E. HILL, O-806064, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 May 1944, while serving as pilot of an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Home address: Richmond, California.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

20. PATRICK F E MACMANUS, O-671671, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 May 1944, while serving as pilot of an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Home address: Raymondville, Texas.

21. Jeong S Wing, 18158622, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 May 1944, while serving as gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Home address: Greenville, Mississippi.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

22. Donald E Burns, 39288631, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 May 1944, while serving as a gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Home address: South Gate, California.

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By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C. SANDERS,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C.C. Vega, Jr.
/t/ C.C. VEGA, JR.,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant General

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FRANK M. HOPE, 1st Lt., A C
Group Historical Officer

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Exhibit #12-May 1944

APO 696, U.S. Army,
18 May 1944.

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NUMBER 141)

EXTRACTSECTION VII: AWARDS TO THE 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L).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. BURSIEL	0-749712	2ND LT	Whitman, Mass.
THOMAS J. IRONARD	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.
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c. Awarded by Competent GO, Fifth Air Force, date unknown.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Wilmar L. Kidd	19020343	S/Sgt	Neodesha, Kansas.
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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.
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e. G.O. 59, War Department, 22 Sep 1943.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Amos E. Bergeron	18060379	S/Sgt	Eunice, La.
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f. G.O. 33, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 1 Oct 1943.

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671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

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

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

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

WILLIAM (NMI) BATTERSBY O-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:

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen USA
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OFFICIAL:

/s/ C R Birbani
/t/ C R BIRBARI
Lt Col A C
Asst Adj Gen

I certify the above to be a true extract.

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

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APO 696, U.S. Army,
23 May 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER.....146)

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SECTION XI: AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS.

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following named officers and enlisted men of the 416th Bomb 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 achievements 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. 37, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 13 October 1943.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Perry R. Clearman, Jr. 20452201 Sgt Duffee, Mass.

b. G.O. 107, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 20 April 1944.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ROBERT F. PRICE	O-431503	MAJOR	Valley Chapel, W.Va.
Adolfus J. Antanaitis	31110809	S/Sgt	Manchester, N.H.
Harold L. Hedrick	14165008	S/Sgt	High Point, N.C.
Lewis M. Daugherty	14176806	S/Sgt	McIntosh, Ala.
Charles L. Hibbs	39039657	S/Sgt	San Jose, Calif.
Earnest E. Kelly	38271192	S/Sgt	Weatherford, Okla.
Holley (NMI) Perkins, Jr.	17014363	S/Sgt	Ashdown, Ark.

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669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Everett T. Epps	38340646	S/Sgt	Phillips, Texas.
Joseph J. Shields	13099666	S/Sgt	Collingsdale, Pa.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

WILLIAM J. MENG	O-397562	MAJOR	Middletown, Ky.
Ralph L. Stobert	9896370	S/Sgt	Brackenridge, Pa.
Robert E. Lee, Jr.	20450748	S/Sgt	Pulaski, Tenn.
Francis G. Falk	35621083	Sgt	Columbus, Ohio.

c. G.O. No. 114, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ARTHUR E. OSBORNE	O-684403	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
Fred L. Adair	37498495	S/Sgt	Rushville, Mo.
Floyd E. Brown	15338082	S/Sgt	Moundsville, W.Va.
William H. Coe	14179256	S/Sgt	Birmingham, Ala.
James N. Hume	11013679	S/Sgt	York Village, Maine.
Carl F. Love	34443283	S/Sgt	Opelika, Ala.
Vern E. Molver	19005380	S/Sgt	Albany, Oregon.
John R. Orr	17028300	S/Sgt	Laoti, Kansas.
Clarence H. Yost	15067647	S/Sgt	Keystone, W.Va.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

William G. Ferguson	36058773	S/Sgt	Urbana, Ill.
Harvey E. Kelton	18060588	S/Sgt	Edna, Texas.
Arthur L. Nelson	37389813	S/Sgt	Gerald, Mo.
Nathan (NMI) Radlich	36309328	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Albert J. Bonamo	32690658	S/Sgt	New York, N.Y.
Francis P. Glynn	31201629	Sgt	Fall River, Mass.
Howard E. White	20452199	Sgt	Meridian, Miss.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

LLOYD F. DUNN	O-724399	CAPT.	Los Angeles, Calif.
ROBERT H. SMITH	O-666194	1ST LT.	San Francisco, Calif.
Jack S. Brower	31167977	S/Sgt	Bethel, Conn.
Earl (NMI) Carrin	15066407	S/Sgt	Dayton, Ohio.
William C. Russell	34132772	S/Sgt	Carthage, Miss.

HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

WALTER W. FARMER	O-21749	LT. COL.	Uvalde, Texas.
WILLIAM L. SMITH	O-659599	1ST LT	Charlotte, N.C.

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HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

CHESTER R. JACKSON	O-736226	CAPT.	San Francisco, Calif.
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668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

HIRAN F. CONANT	O-397619	CAPT.	Cambridge, Mass.
BLAIR H. BRADFORD	O-742670	1ST LT.	Los Angeles, Calif.
GUSTAVE (NMI) EBENSTEIN	O-797803	1ST LT.	New York, N.Y.
RICHARD V. MIRACLE	O-26150	1ST LT.	Mt. Giload, Ohio.
RICHARD D. POINDEXTER	O-747887	1ST LT.	Honolulu, T.H.
SCOTT B. RITCHIE	O-262639	1ST LT.	Washington, D.C.
RICHARD F. SHAEFER	O-25866	1ST LT.	Raton, N.M.
RAYMOND K. CRUZE	O-747755	2ND LT.	Wellington, Kansas.
ARVID R. HAND	O-748066	2ND LT.	Hempstead, Texas.
MICHAEL E. KLOPFEL	O-684851	2ND LT.	Albany, N.Y.
ROBERT D. LESCHER	O-684861	2ND LT.	Houston, Texas.
JOSEPH E. MEACHER	O-749487	2ND LT.	Gilberts, Ill.
LORING G. PEEDE	O-747884	2ND LT.	Oak Park, Ill.
Leo G. Robbins	6872552	T/Sgt	Rochester, N.Y.
Edwin A. Anderson	31324736	S/Sgt	Seymour, Conn.
Ray (NMI) Bankston	38428208	S/Sgt	Ivanhoe, Texas.
Joe C. Burkhalter	38369898	S/Sgt	Seymour, Texas.
Robert W. Burch	38397739	S/Sgt	Pauls Valley, Okla.
Elpidio A. Damico	13110544	S/Sgt	Readville, Pa.
Edward S. Dickenson	13034047	S/Sgt	Union City, Tenn.
John A. Fejes	13039713	S/Sgt	Irwin, Pa.
Clarence M. Gray	14153336	S/Sgt	Moultrie, Ga.
Atha A. Hill	18033342	S/Sgt	Greggton, Texas.
Earl R. Judd, Jr.	39318033	S/Sgt	Molalla, Oregon.
Robert W. MacDonald	16097168	S/Sgt	Springfield, Mo.
Joseph E. McCreery	14159210	S/Sgt	Nashville, Tenn.
Arlington W. Newkirk	13157600	S/Sgt	Lancaster, Pa.
Bennett C. Sieg	32382737	S/Sgt	Buffalo, N.Y.
Doyle H. Simpson	19010446	S/Sgt	Salt Lake City, Utah.
LeRoy R. Shaw	37559600	S/Sgt	Berkeley, Calif.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

MEREDITH J. HUFF	O-736220	CAPT.	Jennings, Kansas.
ROBERT L. FEHLNER	O-834243	1ST LT.	Napoleon, Ind.
TONNIS (NMI) BOUKAMP	O-26182	1ST LT.	Port Huron, Mich.
PATRICK F. E. MAGNANUS	O-671671	1ST LT.	Raymondville, Texas.
ROBERT J. MORTON	O-671682	1ST LT.	Forest Park, Ill.
WILLIAM A. PECK	O-800034	1ST LT.	Atlanta, Ga.
EARL E. DE MUN	O-800847	2ND LT.	Wayland, N.Y.
PETER (NMI) DONTAS	O-806236	2ND LT.	Salt Lake City, Utah.

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ARTHUR A. McDONALD	O-806285	2ND LT	KILLED IN ACTION. Next of Kin: Mr. S.S. McDonald, (Father), 904 Shady Way, Wichita, Kansas.
NORMAN V. SHAINBERG	C-737483	2ND LT	Beverly Hills, Calif.
WILFRED C. SIGGS	O-747906	2ND LT	Portiac, Mich.
William J. Kelly	8964749	T/Sgt	Kerslaw, S.C.
Sterling E. Alden	11100558	S/Sgt	E. Hartford, Conn.
Robert L. Ballinger	36165081	S/Sgt	St. Johns, Mich.
Joseph D. Bresnak	32586305	S/Sgt	Passaic, N.J.
Foster M. Citty	33449728	S/Sgt	Hope, Ark.
Gerald L. Coffey	38464402	S/Sgt	Dardanelle, Ark.
Russell J. Colosimo	33181528	S/Sgt	Seranton, Pa.
Grady F. Cope	36396306	S/Sgt	Gould, Okla.
William E. Fields	35339096	S/Sgt	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Harold F. Hatch	13066543	S/Sgt	Cleveland, Ohio
Orlando D. LaNave	32668142	S/Sgt	Stamford, Conn.
Charles A. Prindle	77116838	S/Sgt	Waterloo, Iowa.
Morton (NMI) Rosenstein	12164906	S/Sgt	Newark, N.J.
John L. Rogers, Jr.	13116554	S/Sgt	Luzerne, Pa.
James B. Thompson	15016702	S/Sgt	Akron, Ohio.
Jeong S. Wing	19168622	S/Sgt	Greenville, Miss.
Charlie L. Webb	34075097	S/Sgt	Jackson, Miss.
Roger W. Nicks	19137153	Sgt	Corsicana, Texas.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

DAVID A. FULSE	O-736223	CAPT.	Sacramento, Calif.
PAUL G. ATKINSON, JR.	O-25973	1ST LT.	Morristown, Pa.
FRANK J. HARROLD	O-26934	1ST LT	Atlantic City, N.J.
GERALD M. McNUIFY	O-886006	1ST LT	Painesville, Ohio.
ROBERT S. RUDSILL	O-797911	1ST LT	Haines City, Fla.
VERNON H. POWELL	O-748029	2ND LT	Birmingham, Ala.
WILLIAM B. OSTRANDER	O-806323	2ND LT	Las Vegas, Nev.
Raymond F. Addleman	13125060	S/Sgt	Spring Mills, Pa.
Irving (NMI) Binnay	32813178	S/Sgt	Woodside, N.Y.
Marvin R. Bryan	12204339	S/Sgt	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Royden E. Conopask	31141640	S/Sgt	Fristol, Conn.
Sebastian F. Dinapoli	32202754	S/Sgt	Newark, N.J.
William J. Donahue	17024222	S/Sgt	Independence, Iowa.
Paul B. Driskill	38841351	S/Sgt	Avoca, Texas.
Ralph (NMI) Eutsaler, Jr.	36463882	S/Sgt	Bartlesville, Okla.
O. D. Evans	18133260	S/Sgt	Krebs, Okla.
Edward L. Griffin	22454250	S/Sgt	Jersey City, N.J.
Patrick F. Glynn	31185196	S/Sgt	Waltham, Mass.
Joseph D. Gossett	34446849	S/Sgt	Atlanta, Ga.
Hambert M. McGleary	37437141	S/Sgt	Muscotine, Iowa.
Robert L. Miller	18163422	S/Sgt	Pryor, Okla.
John A. Moran	18038462	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Joseph A. Ochaba	36528191	S/Sgt	Detroit, Mich.

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Thomas I. Walsh	36606965	S/Sgt	Evanston, Ill.
John F. Wilson	38312261	S/Sgt	Lynn Haven, Fla.
Thomas A. Palmer	13106046	Sgt	Washington, D.C.
Joseph C. Swafford, Jr.	17127295	Sgt	Kansas City, Kansas.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

DAVID L. WILLETS	O-431583	MAJOR	Morgantown, W.Va.
ANTHONY R. DURANTE	O-25963	1ST LT	Providence, R.I.
LAVERN A. MARZOLF	O-747852	1ST LT	Ridley Park, Pa.
EVERETT T. PLATTER	O-747886	1ST LT	Marysville, Calif.
PETER G. ROYALTY	O-748105	1ST LT	Flint, Mich.
ROBERT E. STOCKWELL	O-671710	1ST LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
RICHARD V. WHEELER	O-26098	1ST LT	Salem, Mass.
MICHAEL (NMI) ZUBON	O-26075	1ST LT	New York, N.Y.
ALBERT (NMI) JEDINAK	O-749846	2ND LT	Cleveland, Ohio.
Harry T. Best	33292132	S/Sgt	Cheswick, Pa.
Franklin R. Chvatal	36512546	S/Sgt	Cleveland, Ohio.
George M. Cook	38435713	S/Sgt	Palestine, Texas.
Joseph L. Czech	16028039	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Hollis A. Foster	37019048	S/Sgt	Britton, S.D.
Benjamin G. Fandre	36815235	S/Sgt	Wausau, Wis.
Louis G. Kutzer	13085388	S/Sgt	Latrove, Pa.
Robert H. Linneman	13126073	S/Sgt	Philadelphia, Pa.
Keith L. Johnson	16021559	S/Sgt	Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Henry A. Lampka	6981474	S/Sgt	High Falls, N.Y.
Egon W. Rust	38366727	S/Sgt	New Braunfels, Texas.
Vincent N. Sherry	32143331	S/Sgt	Rochester, N.Y.
Clyde W. Middleton	17106579	S/Sgt	Neodesha, Kansas.
Horace E. Wallin	32181327	S/Sgt	Trumansburg, N.Y.
Ernest R. Werley	35117664	S/Sgt	Palmerton, Pa.
Robert R. Williamson	19139625	S/Sgt	MISSING IN ACTION
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			Mrs. R B Williamson, (Wife)
			1273 McArthur Blvd,
			San Leandro, Calif.
Howard C. Worden	19011087	S/Sgt	Reedsport, Oregon.
Rueben J. Troyer	15059054	Sgt	Kokomo, Ind.

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663th Bombardment Squadron (L)

GALEN F. BARTMUS	O-750824	1ST LT	Redondo Beach, Calif.
WAYNE E. DOWNING	O-861726	1ST LT	Longmont, Colo.
ELDON B. KREH	O-865988	1ST LT	Detroit, Mich.
LUDIAN J. SIRACUSA	O-757730	1ST LT	Palisades Park, N.J.
LUTHER E. HILL	O-806064	2ND LT	Richmond, Calif.
WILLIAM N. LYTLE	O-750038	2ND LT	Orrville, Ohio.
ROBERT G. MEREDITH	O-747854	2ND LT	Helena, Mont.

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ROBERT A. CLARK	O-424713	CAPT	Grand Rapids, Mich.
JOSEPH S. CONNOR	O-885558	1ST LT	New York, N.Y.
MARION S. STREET	O-28323	1ST LT	Loyall, Ky.
HARRY E. HEWES	O-669722	2ND LT	Pensacola, Fla.
Herman C. Carney	35425703	S/Sgt	Ripley, W.Va.

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WILLIAM J. GREENE	O-26092	1ST LT	Langley Field, Va.
ERNEST L. JOHNSON	O-663740	1ST LT	Guthrie, Okla.
ROBERT J. ROONEY	O-26102	1ST LT	New Orleans, La.
DANIEL F. SHEA	O-26111	1ST LT	Nashua, N.H.
NEIL G. BROWN	O-669854	2ND LT	Linden, Fla.
RALPH (NMI) CONTE	O-749833	2ND LT	Paterson, N.J.
LEONARD R. McBRIDE	O-747840	2ND LT	Laurel, Miss.
CHARLES L. McGLCHN	O-806288	2ND LT	Houston, Texas.
ARTHUR W. NORDSTROM	O-684399	2ND LT	Chicago, Ill.
Fred D. Allred	35532809	S/Sgt	Milton, Ind.
William F. Colbert	38398755	Sgt	Lawton, Okla.
Donald W. Stephens	39832920	Sgt	Salt Lake City, Utah.

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GEORGE W. CONGILL	O-736127	1ST LT	Albany, Calif.
FRANCIS W. DE MAND	O-806235	1ST LT	Wichita, Kansas.
JAMES D. ADAMS	O-669657	2ND LT	Niagara Falls, N.Y.
HAROLD D. ANDREWS, JR.	O-799707	2ND LT	Auburn, Maine.
HENRY T. ARRINGTON	O-749608	2ND LT	Pensacola, Fla.
RICHARD E. GREENLEY	O-806059	2ND LT	Cairo, Ill.
WILLIAM A. MERCHANT	O-806300	2ND LT	Wichita, Kansas.
Kenneth P. Brown	35540545	S/Sgt	Defiance, Ohio.
Joseph J. Rzepka	16111188	S/Sgt	Detroit, Mich.
Clifford J. Harp	16381635	S/Sgt	Evansville, Ind.
Allen J. Zeikus	31145892	Sgt	Windsor, Conn.

Second Oak Leaf Cluster

f. G.O. 37, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 12 October 1943.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Perry R. Clearman, Jr.	20452201	S/Sgt	Duffee, Miss.
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g. G.O. 22, IX Fighter Command, 11 December 1943.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Joseph F. Kasper	6944924	S/Sgt	Plymouth, Pa.
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668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ROBERT F. PRICE	O-431508	MAJOR	Valley Chapel, W.Va.
Adolfus J. Antanaitis	31110809	S/Sgt	Manchester, N.H.
Lewis M. Daugherty	14176606	S/Sgt	McIntosh, Ala.
Harold R. Hedrick	14165008	S/Sgt	High Point, N.C.
Charles L. Hibbs	39099657	S/Sgt	San Jose, Calif.
Barnest E. Kelly	38271192	S/Sgt	Weatherford, Okla.
Holley (NMI) Perkins, Jr.	17014363	S/Sgt	Ashdown, Ark.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Everett T. Epps	38340646	S/Sgt	Phillips, Texas.
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670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

WILLIAM J. MENG	O-397532	MAJOR	Middleton, Ky.
Robert E. Lee, Jr.	20450748	S/Sgt	Pulaski, Tenn.
Ralph L. Stobert	6896370	S/Sgt	Brackenridge, Pa.
Francis F. Falk	36521033	Sgt	Columbus, Ohio.

i. G.O. 114, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ARTHUR E. OSPORNE	O-684403	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
Fred L. Adair	37493495	S/Sgt	Rushville, Mo.
Floyd E. Brown	15338062	S/Sgt	Moundsville, W.Va.
William H. Coe	14178256	S/Sgt	Birmingham, Ala.
James N. Hume	11013379	S/Sgt	York Village, Maine.
Carl F. Love	34443283	S/Sgt	Opelika, Ala.
Vern E. Molver	19005380	S/Sgt	Albany, Oregon.
John R. Orr	17028300	S/Sgt	Leoti, Kansas.
Clarence H. Yost	15097647	S/Sgt	Keystone, W.Va.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

William G. Ferguson	38063773	S/Sgt	Urbana, Ill.
Nathan (NMI) Radlich	36309328	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Harvey E. Kelton	18060588	S/Sgt	Edna, Texas.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Albert J. Bonamo	32690658	S/Sgt	New York, N.Y.
Howard E. White	20452199	S/Sgt	Meridian, Miss.
Francis P. Glynn	31201629	Sgt	Fall River, Mass.

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671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

LLOYD F. DUNN	O-724399	CAPT	Los Angeles, Calif.
Jack S. Brower	31157977	S/Sgt	Bethel, Conn.
Earl (NMI) Corrin	15066407	S/Sgt	Dayton, Ohio.
William C. Russell	34132772	S/Sgt	Carthage, Miss.

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668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

HIRAM F. CONANT	O-397819	CAPT	Cambridge, Mass.
BLAIR H. BRADFORD	O-742670	1ST LT	Los Angeles, Calif.
RICHARD D. POINDEXTER	O-747887	1ST LT	Honolulu, T.H.
SCOTT B. RITCHIE	O-26229	1ST LT	Washington, D.C.
RAYMOND K. CRUZE	O-74775	2ND LT	Wellington, Kansas.
ARVID R. HAND	O-748086	2ND LT	Hempstead, Texas.
ROBERT D. LESCHER	O-664601	2ND LT	Houston, Texas.
Lee G. Robbins	6872552	T/Sgt	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Edwin A. Anderson	31324736	S/Sgt	Seymour, Conn.
Ray (NMI) Bankston, Jr	38428208	S/Sgt	Lynchburg, Texas.
Robert W. Burch	38397739	S/Sgt	Pauls Valley, Okla.
Joe C. Burkhalter	38369808	S/Sgt	Seymour, Texas.
Elpidio A. Danico	13110544	S/Sgt	Meadville, Pa.
Edward S. Dickenson	13034047	S/Sgt	Union City, Tenn.
John A. Fejes	13039715	S/Sgt	Irwin, Pa.
Clarence H. Gray	14153336	S/Sgt	Moultrie, Ga.
Atha A. Hill	18082342	S/Sgt	Greggton, Texas.
Earl R. Judd, Jr.	39318083	S/Sgt	Molalla, Oregon.
Robert W. MacDonald	15097168	S/Sgt	Springfield, Mo.
Joseph E. McGroery	14159210	S/Sgt	Nashville, Tenn.
Arlington W. Newkirk	13157600	S/Sgt	Lancaster, Pa.
LaRoy R. Shaw	37559500	S/Sgt	Berkeley, Calif.
Bennett C. Sieg	32382787	S/Sgt	Buffalo, N.Y.
Boyle K. Simpson	19010445	S/Sgt	Salt Lake City, Utah.

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MURDITH J. RUFF	O-736220	CAPT	Jennings, Kansas.
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PATRICK F. E. MACMANUS	O-671671	1ST LT	Raymondville, Texas.
ROBERT J. MORTON	O-671682	1ST LT	Forest Park, Ill.
WILLIAM A. PECK	O-800084	1ST LT	Atlanta, Ga.
ROBERT L. BEHLIER	O-684245	2ND LT	Napoleon, Ind.
EARL E. DE MUN	O-800847	2ND LT	Wayland, N.Y.
WILFRED C. SIGGS	O-747906	2ND LT	Pontiac, Mich.
William J. Kelly	6964749	T/Sgt	Kerslow, S.C.
Sterling F. Alden	11100553	S/Sgt	E. Hartford, Conn.

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Russell J. Colosimo	33131528	S/Sgt	Seranton, Pa.
Gerald L. Coffey	38464402	S/Sgt	Dardanelle, Ark.
Grady F. Cope	38396306	S/Sgt	Gouli, Okla.
William E. Fields	35839996	S/Sgt	Fort Payne, Ind.
Harold E. Hatch	13063843	S/Sgt	Cleveland, Ohio.
Arthur L. Milsen	37389813	S/Sgt	Gerald, Mo.
Charles A. Prindle	37115838	S/Sgt	Waterloo, Iowa.
Orlando D. LaNave	32668142	S/Sgt	Stamford, Conn.
John L. Rogers, Jr.	13116554	S/Sgt	Luzerne, Pa.
Morton (IMI) Rosenstein	12162903	S/Sgt	Newark, N.J.
James B. Thompson	15016702	S/Sgt	Akron, Ohio.
Jeong S. Wang	13158622	S/Sgt	Greenville, Miss.
Charlie L. Webb	34076097	S/Sgt	Jackson, Miss.
Roger W. Nicks	18137153	Sgt	Corsicana, Texas.

670th Bombardment Squadron (I)

DAVID A. FULSE	0-736223	CAPT	Sacramento, Calif.
Raymond F. Addleman	13125060	S/Sgt	Spring Mills, Pa.
Fred D. Allred	35582809	S/Sgt	Milton, Ind.
Irving (NMI) Binney	32512178	S/Sgt	Woodside, N.Y.
Marvin R. Bryan	12204339	S/Sgt	Brocklyn, N.Y.
Royden E. Conopask	31141640	S/Sgt	Bristol, Conn.
Sebastian P. Dinapoli	32202734	S/Sgt	Newark, N.J.
William J. Donahue	17024222	S/Sgt	Independence, Iowa.
Paul R. Driskill	38341151	S/Sgt	Avoca, Texas.
O. D. Evans	18133280	S/Sgt	Enola, Okla.
Edward L. Griffin	32461250	S/Sgt	Jersey City, N.J.
Patrick F. Glynn	31185123	S/Sgt	Waltham, Mass.
Joseph D. Gossett	24443849	S/Sgt	Atlanta, Ga.
Hembert M. McCleary	37437141	S/Sgt	Muscatine, Iowa.
Robert L. Miller	18163422	S/Sgt	Pryor, Okla.
John W. Moran	18038462	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Joseph A. Oshaba	36528191	S/Sgt	Detroit, Mich.
Steve (NMI) Risko	16038800	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Thomas I. Walsh	36403965	S/Sgt	Evanston, Ill.
John E. Wilson	38312261	S/Sgt	Lynn Haven, Fla.
Thomas A. Palmer	13108066	Sgt	Washington, D.C.
Joseph O. Swafford, Jr.	17127195	Sgt	Kansas City, Kansas.

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Keith L. Johnson	16021559	S/Sgt	Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Louis G. Rutzor	13085368	S/Sgt	Letrove, Pa.
Henry A. Lemka	6901474	S/Sgt	High Falls, N.Y.
Robert H. Linneman	13125073	S/Sgt	Philadelphia, Pa.
Clyde W. Middleton	17100679	S/Sgt	Neodesha, Kansas.

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Egon W. Rust	38365727	S/Sgt	New Braunfels, Texas.
Vincent M. Sherry	32143331	S/Sgt	Rochester, N.Y.
Herscoe B. Wellin	32132327	S/Sgt	Trumansburg, N.Y.
Ernest R. Werley	33117664	S/Sgt	Palmerton, Pa.
Howard C. Worden	19011007	S/Sgt	Reedsport, Oregon.
Reuben J. Troyer	15059064	Sgt	Kokomo, Ind.
IAVERN A. MARZOLF	O-747852	1ST LT	Ridley Park, Pa.
ROBERT E. STOCKWELL	O-671710	1ST LT	Indianapolis, Ind.
RICHARD V. WHEELER	O-23093	1ST LT	Salon, Mass.
MICHAEL (MAN) ZURON	O-27073	1ST LT	New York, N.Y.
Harry T. Best	33292132	S/Sgt	Cheswick, Pa.
George M. Cook	38435715	S/Sgt	Pelastine, Texas.
Joseph L. Czech	16028030	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Benjamin C. Pandre	38315235	S/Sgt	Wausau, Wis.
Franklin R. Chvatal	35512546	S/Sgt	Cleveland, Ohio.
Hollis A. Foster	37019043	S/Sgt	Britton, S.D.

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658th Bombardment Squadron (L)
LUTHER E. HILL O-806064 2ND LT Richmond, Calif.

663th Bombardment Squadron (L)

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Herman O. Carney 35425703 S/Sgt Ripley, W.Va.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Paul B. Driskill 38341351 S/Sgt Avoca, Texas.
William P. Colbert 38398755 Sgt Lawton, Okla.

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RICHARD E. GREENLEY O-806069 2ND LT Cairo, Ill.
Kenneth P. Brown 35540545 S/Sgt Defiance, Ohio.
Clifford J. Harp 15331835 S/Sgt Evansville, Ind.
Joseph J. Rzepka 18111188 S/Sgt Detroit, Mich.

Third Oak Leaf Cluster

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669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Harold E. Boyer 20506057 S/Sgt Anna, Ohio.

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666th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Adolfus J. Antanaitis	31110809	S/Sgt	Manchester, N.H.
Ray (MST) Bankston, Jr.	38428203	S/Sgt	Evanshoe, Texas.
Lewis M. Daugherty	14176608	S/Sgt	McIntosh, Ala.
Harold B. Hedrick	14168008	S/Sgt	High Point, N.C.
Charles L. Hibbs	39039657	S/Cgt	San Jose, Calif.
Ernest B. Kelly	38271192	S/Sgt	Weatherford, Okla.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Ralph L. Stobert	6893670	S/Sgt	Brackenridge, Pa.
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670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Wilmer L. Kidd	19020343	S/Sgt	Woodasha, Kansas.
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o. G.O. 29, Hq, Antilles Air Command, 13 July 1943.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Juan R. L. Tanner	6562842	T/Sgt	Bakersfield, Calif.
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p. G.O. 114, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Fred L. Adair	37498495	S/Sgt	Pushville, Mo.
Floyd E. Brown	15333062	S/Sgt	Moundsville, W.Va.
William H. Coe	14178256	S/Sgt	Birmingham, Ala.
Carl F. Love	34443283	S/Sgt	Opelika, Ala.
Vern E. Molyer	19066386	S/Sgt	Albany, Oregon.
John R. Orr	17028300	S/Sgt	Leoti, Kansas.
Clarence H. Yost	18007647	S/Sgt	Keystone, W.Va.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

William G. Ferguson	36058773	S/Sgt	Urbana, Ill.
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670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Howard E. White	20432199	S/Sgt	Meridian, Miss.
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671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

William G. Russell	34122772	S/Sgt	Carthage, Miss.
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General Order No. 146, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 23 May 1944, contd.

g. G.O. 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Leo G. Robbins	6872552	T/Sgt	Rochester, N.Y.
Joe C. Burkhalter	38369898	S/Sgt	Seymour, Texas.
Clarence M. Gray	14153336	S/Sgt	Kaultrie, Ga.
John A. Fejes, Jr.	13039715	S/Sgt	Irwin, Pa.
Earl R. Judd, Jr.	39318093	S/Sgt	Medalla, Oregon.
Joseph E. McCreary	14159210	S/Sgt	Nashville, Tenn.
LaRoy R. Shaw	37559500	S/Sgt	Berkeley, Calif.
Bennett C. Sieg	32382787	S/Sgt	Buffalo, N.Y.
Doyle H. Simpson	19010446	S/Sgt	Salt Lake City, Utah.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

William J. Kelly	6964749	T/Sgt	Kerslew, S.C.
Sterling F. Allen	11100558	S/Sgt	E. Hartford, Conn.
Robert L. Ballinger	36165031	S/Sgt	St. Johns, Mich.
Foster W. Citty	38449788	S/Sgt	Hope, Ark.
Gerald L. Coffey	38464402	S/Sgt	Dardanelle, Ark.
Russell J. Colocimo	33181528	S/Sgt	Seranton, Pa.
William E. Fields	35339996	S/Sgt	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Harold F. Hatch	13068543	S/Sgt	Cleveland, Ohio.
Arthur L. Nielsen	37389813	S/Sgt	Gerald, Mo.
John L. Rogers, Jr.	15116554	S/Sgt	Luzerne, Pa.
James E. Thompson	15015702	S/Sgt	Akron, Ohio
Charlie L. Webb	34075097	S/Sgt	Jackson, Miss.
Jeong S. King	16158622	S/Sgt	Greenville, Miss.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Hollis A. Foster	37019043	S/Sgt	Britton, S.D.
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Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

r. G.O. 46, Hq, Antilles Air Command, 4 September 1943.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

MURDOCH W. CAMPBELL	G-397425	MAJOR	Chicago, Ill.
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s. G.O. 33, VIII Air Support Command, 1 October 1943.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Harold E. Boyer	20506057	S/Sgt	Anna, Ohio.
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671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

HILLARY P. COLE	O-660245	1ST LT	Yundall, S.D.
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General Order No. 146, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 23 May 1944, contd.

t. G.O. 82, War Department, 29 November 1943.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

WILLIAM (HMI) BATTERSBY O-411681 CAPT Manchester, N.H.

u. G.O. 22, IX Fighter Command, 11 December 1943.

669th Bombardment Squadron (I)

Joseph F. Kasper 6941924 Sgt Plymouth, Pa.

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Par 1, Sec II,
G.O. No. 146, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 23 May 1944, contd.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following-named officers of the 98th Combat Bombardment Wing (M), 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 flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy:

Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

a. G.O. No. 26, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 15 September 1943.

HARRY S. DENNIS	O-663601	CAPT	Mountain Lakes, N. J.
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b. Issued by Competent G.O. No. 5, Anti-Sub Command.

PHILIP A. SYKES	O-376385	LT COL	Danville, Va.
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Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster

c. G.O. No. 31, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 23 September 1943.

KENNETH A. OMSTED	O-793280	CAPT	Eau Claire, Wis.
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Seventh Oak Leaf Cluster

d. G.O. No. 31, Hq, VIII Air Support Command, 23 September 1943.

KENNETH A. OMSTED	O-793280	CAPT	Eau Claire, Wis.
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2. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded in General Orders No. 15, Headquarters, VIII Air Support Command, 30 August 1943, Major JOHN H. HENINGER, O-413594, 98th Combat Bombardment Wing (M), is awarded the SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER, in lieu of the fifth 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 flights in the European Theater of Operations, he having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy. Residence at commission: Logan, Utah.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medals awarded in General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs, the following-named officers and enlisted men of the 322nd Bombardment Group (M), are awarded the BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942),

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597th Bombardment Squadron (M)

Frank A. Maturo	31280183	S/Sgt	New Haven, Conn.
William F. Rosenig	19147442	Sgt	Emmclaw, Wash.
Matthew J. Madej	36054202	Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Carl W. Mason, Jr.	16188463	Sgt	Detroit, Mich.

599th Bombardment Squadron (M)

WILLIAM H. GARRETSON	O-433369	CAPT	Wyatt, La.
MAURICE HAMILTON	O-412982	CAPT	Red Cloud, Nebr.
KENNETH A. BRADFIELD	O-743928	2ND LT	Fobins, W. Va.
ERVIN J. COOK	O-246201	2ND LT	St. Joseph, Mo.
MARVIN E. SCHULZE	O-687000	2ND LT	Detroit, Mich.
JOHN L. SIOAN	O-812320	2ND LT	Clinton, S. C.
ALBERT HEGEDUS	O-611338	P/O	Brownsville, Pa.
Edward J. Carr	37502311	S/Sgt	Kansas City, Mo.
Willis W. Hudson	13001228	S/Sgt	Bishop, Md.
James M. Fanciani	36120046	S/Sgt	San Rafael, Calif.
William L. Ryan	20823362	S/Sgt	Houston, Tex.
Arthur Yarnwell	15324612	S/Sgt	Warren, O.
Joe D. Amigo	37344696	Sgt	Ft. Collins, Colo.
Florian W. Pivetz	18103979	Sgt	Fayetteville, Tex.

SECTION X

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 409th Bombardment Group (L), in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, each having participated in the required number of operational sorties against the enemy:

HEADQUARTERS, 409TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

ROY W. YEARWOOD	O-393171	LT COL	Nashville, Tenn.
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640th Bombardment Squadron (L)

LESLIE B. HUFF	O-662789	CAPT	Lockhart, Tex.
BEN R. LEVER, JR.	O-748128	2ND LT	Greenville, S. C.

641st Bombardment Squadron (L)

JOHN J. BAUER	O-747566	1ST LT	Cicero, Ill.
WILBERT L. SAATHOFF	O-748106	1ST LT	Mount Olive, Ill.
Arlin D. Pendleton	39275384	Sgt	Nampa, Idaho

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642nd Bombardment Squadron (L)

MICHAEL A. WAIEK	O-746135	2ND LT	Butler, Pa.
THOMAS R. SAMPSONS	O-744623	2ND LT	Benton, Ky.

643rd Bombardment Squadron (L)

ALPHEDUS T. GABLE	O-747658	1ST LT	Mayville, N. Y.
LOREAN W. WETPILL	O-681780	1ST LT	Portland, Ore.
MILTON F. BROWNELETT	O-752337	2ND LT	Colfax, Wash.
PAULON S. WALDEN, JR.	O-744127	2ND LT	Corbin, Ky.
William J. Barrett	33404937	Sgt	Shamokin, Pa.
Arthur G. Sebest	33612806	Sgt	Reading, Pa.

SECTION XI

1. So much of Paragraph 2c, Section II, General Orders No. 105, this Headquarters, dated 20 April 1944, as reads: "552nd Bombardment Squadron (M), * * * Kenneth L. Hoxsie, Sgt., 19064537 * * *", is amended to read: 553rd Bombardment Squadron (M), * * * Kenneth L. Hoxsie, Sgt., 19064587.

2. So much of Paragraph 2f, Section II, General Orders No. 105, this Headquarters, dated 20 April 1944, as reads: "WINTON (VMT) SALTSMAN, O-797078, 2nd Lt, 553rd Bombardment Squadron (M)", is deleted.

3. So much of Paragraph 5a, Section II, General Orders No. 105, this Headquarters, dated 20 April 1944, pertaining to 2nd Lt RICHARD E. CONNER, O-673099, is revoked.

4. So much of Paragraph 4, Section IV, General Orders No. 105, this Headquarters, dated 20 April 1944, as reads: "Paul T. Petty, 6580563, S/Sgt, San Diego, Calif." is deleted.

5. So much of Paragraph 1, Section II, General Orders No. 114, this Headquarters, dated 25 April 1944, as reads: "GRANT H. THIEHAULT, O-725921, 1st Lt, Lakeland, Fla." is deleted.

6. So much of Paragraph 1, Section IV, General Orders No. 122, this Headquarters, dated 5 May 1944, as reads: "Pascal Baroni, 11016311, Sgt, Burlington, Vt." is deleted.

By command of Lieutenant General BREMERTON:

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