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SECTION I

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 contained in ETOUSA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, a SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to each of the following named officer and enlisted men:

1. JOHN E WOODS, 37500892, Staff Sergeant, 572nd Bombardment Squadron (M), 391st Bombardment Group (M). For heroism on 7 June 1944, when his aircraft while on a combat operational mission was hit by a 20 mm cannon shell shortly after leaving the target. S/Sgt WOODS attempted to extinguish the burning dinghy set on fire by the explosion. Unable to reach the extinguisher because of the wounded turret gunner, S/Sgt WOODS tried to beat out the flames with his bare hands, and, when the flames were beyond control, hurled the flaming dinghy out of the waist window. His hands badly burned S/Sgt WOODS then administered first aid to the badly wounded gunner. S/Sgt WOODS' coolness and courage unquestionably saved the airplane and its crew from destruction.
Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

2. For heroism, 16 July 1944, the following named crew members while on a combat operational mission and their aircraft still in the target area removed their flak suits and parachutes and worked in the bomb-bay transferring six armed bombs which had failed to release because of faulty mechanism. Their coolness and courage in working in the bomb-bay without protection while still in flak infested areas made possible the safe return of the aircraft and its crew to base:

391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
572nd Bombardment Squadron (M)

ROBERT E BLAIR	0-694840	1ST LT	Sacramento, Calif.
HENRY S HERR	13049337	T/Sgt	Alexandria, Va.

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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, organizations indicated, 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 and contained in ETOUSA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, they each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy:

a. GO 5 Hq IX Bomber Command, 9 January 1944.

386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

JOE W KELLY	O-18731	Eighth Oak Leaf Cluster COLONEL	Columbus, Ind.

b. GO 141, Hq Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944.

97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)

ALVIN E HIXON	O-790836	Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster CAPTAIN	Daytona Beach, Fla.

SECTION III

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Cir 32, Hq ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named individuals:

322ND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
450th Bombardment Squadron (M)

a. JOE P KENNEDY, 32714641, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 4 August 1944, while serving as Engineer-Gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Bellmore, New York.

452nd Bombardment Squadron (M)

b. JAMES E MECUM, 36071835, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 9 August 1944, while serving as Radio-Operator on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Cambridge, Illinois.

323RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
454th Bombardment Squadron (M)

c. CHARLES B HARPER, O-817432, SECOND LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 2 August

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1944 while serving as Co-Pilot of a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Durham, North Carolina.

d. ELIJAH LEWIS, 39458200, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 2 August 1944 while serving as Engineer-Gunner on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Harrah, Wisconsin.

e. RICHARD R R MADARA, 33331743, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 2 August 1944 while serving as Toggler on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

f. JOHN J SMART, 13008030, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 1 August 1944, while serving as Engineer-Gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

456th Bombardment Squadron (M)

g. RAYMOND L JOLLY, 11083550, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 25 July 1944 while serving as Engineer-Gunner on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Brookline, New Hampshire.

h. JOSEPH J DICARLO, 39552556, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 25 July 1944 while serving as Tail-Gunner on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

i. ROBERT R MOORE, O-2045071, FIRST LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 25 July 1944 while serving as Pilot of a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Hagerstown, Maryland.

j. KENNETH J BROWN, 13040367, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 25 July 1944 while serving as Radio-Gunner on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Ellwood City, Pennsylvania.

k. ALLEN O MCSHERRY, 38075415, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 25 July 1944 while serving as Bombardier on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Midland, Louisiana.

386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
555th Bombardment Squadron (M)

l. TRAVIS E FOSTER, O-732827, FIRST LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United

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States on 11 August 1944, while serving as Pilot of a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Rising Star, Texas.

m. JAMES E MAXWELL, O-673872, SECOND LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 11 August 1944, while serving as Bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Santa Monica, California.

397TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
[illegible] Bombardment Squadron (M)

n. FRED M RANKIN, JR, O-701299, SECOND LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 4 August 1944, while serving as Navigator on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Ohio.

o. RAYMOND E GILLSON, 32470630, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 4 August 1944, while serving as Radio-Gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from New York.

391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
574th Bombardment Squadron (M)

p. LEO W FISHER, 37506025, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 6 August 1944, while serving as Radio-Gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Pleasanton, Kansas.

575th Bombardment Squadron (M)

q. GEORGE W STAINAKER, O-23784, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 July 1944 while serving as Pilot of a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

r. EDGAR G WILLIAMS, O-791015, CAPTAIN, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 July 1944, while serving as Navigator on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Glen Falls, New York.

s. FRANCIS J MURPHY, O-534308, FIRST LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 July 1944, while serving as Bombardier on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

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t. RICHARD B SMITH, 20314269, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 July 1944, while serving as Radio-Gunner on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Natrona, Pennsylvania.

u. STANLEY W MILLER, 36453560, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 July 1944, while serving as Engineer-Gunner on a B-26 airplane.
Entered military service from Benton Harbor, Michigan.

394TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
584th Bombardment Squadron (M)

v. JAMES E SPOHN, O-765743, SECOND LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 August 1944, while serving as Bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

587th Bombardment Squadron (M)

w. FREDERICK K HEIDEMANN, O-674764, FIRST LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 August 1944, while serving as Bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

x. ELMER F MAKOVICH, O-741202, FIRST LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 9 August 1944, while serving as Bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from West Newton, Pennsylvania.

y. ROBERT D ROBERTSON, 13065977, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 August 1944, while serving as Tail-Gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Roanoke, Virginia.

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

z. JAMES P KENNY, O-691368, SECOND LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 10 August 1944, while serving as Pilot of an A-20 airplane.
Entered military service from New York, New York.

aa. EDWARD P BRZEZINSKI, 33416474, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 11 August 1944, while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

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ab. FRANK NOTERIANI, 20318628, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory on 10 August 1944.
Entered military service from Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

ac. JAMES K SPADONI, 39034143, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory on 10 August 1944.
Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ad. JAMES MADENFORT, O-681755, SECOND LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 7 August 1944, while serving as Bombardier-Navigator on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Bristol, Virginia.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ae. O D EVANS, 18133280, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 6 August 1944, while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from Krebs, Oklahoma.

SECTION IV

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Sect I, Cir 32, Hq ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to wear with the PURPLE HEART, the following named individuals having been awarded the PURPLE HEART, per General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs:

a. GO 85, Hq IX Bomber Command, 24 May 1944.

387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
556th Bombardment Squadron (M)

(1) JAMES J HINES, 32322280, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 4 August 1944, while serving as Engineer-Gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory.
Entered military service from New York.

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

(2) BONALD E BURNS, 39288631, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United

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States on 6 August 1944, while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from South Gate, California.

SECTION V

1. So much of Sect I, GO 119, Hq IX Bomber Command, dated 5 July 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to 1ST LT JOHN R WOOFTER, O-750498, is rescinded.

2. So much of Sect I, GO 92, Hq IX Bomber Command, dated 2 June 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to T/Sgt Albert T Tyree, 6986987, is rescinded.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS,
Brig Gen, USA,
Chief of Staff.

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