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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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Exh. 1-August 1944.

AFC Hq, U. S. Army
3 August 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 10)

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 4, AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes Command of the Four Hundred Sixteenth Bombardment Group (L).

Theodore R. Ayresworth
THEODORE R. AYRESWORTH,
Lt Colonel, Air Corps.

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Lieutenant Colonel Theodore R. Aylesworth, 30, of Alba Street, Knoxville, Pa., became Commanding Officer of the 416th Bombardment Group (L) on 3 August 1944. He had been Deputy Group Commander under Colonel Harold L. Mace, now at a higher command.

Mrs. Wilds H. Aylesworth, wife of the new A-20 Group Commander, resides at 1001 Hampton Road, Elmira, N.Y. They have no children.

Lieutenant Colonel Aylesworth entered the Army as an Aviation Cadet on 14 March 1938. Prior to that time, he had been a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant on 2 February 1939, and his rating as a twin-engined Pilot on 1 April 1940. He continued his training and, at one time, held the rating of Bombardier and aerial gunner. He has accumulated 200 hours in four-engined planes. At present, with over 2,300 hours, he holds the rating of Senior Pilot.

In November 1940, Colonel Aylesworth transferred to the Caribbean into the Puerto Rican Department. While there, he served in numerous capacities, including that of Squadron Commander. He remained there until May 1943, when he returned to the United States, joining the 46th Bomb Group (L). He was transferred into the 416th Bomb Group (L) in October 1943.

His duties with the 416th have been varied, including Control Officer, Air Inspector, Squadron Commander, and Deputy Group Commander.

Colonel Aylesworth attended the Knoxville, Pa. high school. He matriculated to Mansfield State Teachers College for four years and Bucknell University for one year, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Science and Mathematics. He later taught science and mathematics in a Pennsylvania high school, and coached basketball.

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Exh #3-Aug 1944

APO 140, U. S. Army
4 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER. . .128)

1. LT COL WALTER W. FARMER, O 217 45 AC, this Hq, is aptd Air Inspector (Deputy Comdr)(Prin dy) and Gp Tac Inspector (Add dy) VICE LT COL THEODORE R. AYLESWORTH, O 226 29 AC, reld.

2. MAJ HAROLD A. RADERSKY, O 432 124 AC, this Hq, is aptd Gp Opn O (Prin dy) VICE LT COL WALTER W. FARMER, O 217 45 AC, reld.

3. MAJ LLOYD F. DUNN, O 724 399 AC, this Hq, is aptd Asst Gp Opn, Oxy, and Cam O (Prin dy) VICE MAJ HAROLD A. RADERSKY, O 432 124 AC, reld

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

GEORGE SCHENKEL
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

George Schenk
GEORGE SCHENKEL
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)**

C-D-17

Exh #4- Aug 1944

APO 140, U.S. Army
4 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Officers.**TO : See Distribution.**

1. MAJ LLOYD F. DUNN O 724 399 AC, (1022) is reld fr asgmt w/ 671st Bomb Sq (L), is asgd Hq, 416th Bomb Gp (L).

2. CAPT HIRAM F. CONANT O 397 619 AC, (1022), is reld fr asgmt w/ 668th Bomb Sq (L), is asgd 670th Bomb Sq (L).

3. The following named O's are reld from asgmt w/ 670th Bomb Sq (L), are asgd orgns indicated:

To 668th Bomb Sq (L)

CAPT ROBERT S. RUDISILL	O 797 911 AC (1022)
1ST LT ROBERT H. JOOST	O 666 678 AC (1035)

To 669th Bomb Sq (L)

CAPT DAVID A. HULSE	O 736 223 AC (1022)
1ST LT RALPH CONTE	O 749 833 AC (1036)
1ST LT WILLIAM J. GREENE	O 260 92 AC (1022)

To 671st Bomb Sq (L)

CAPT ZEAN R. MOORE	O1 699 233 AC (1022)
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4. 2D WAYNE MUSGROVE O 765 046 (1022), is reld fr asgmt w/ 669th Bomb Sq (L), is asgd 670th Bomb Sq (L).

5. P/O JAY R. WARREN T 190 648 AC (1022), is reld fr asgmt w/ 671st Bomb Sq (L), is asgd 670th Bomb Sq (L).

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

/s/ George Schenkein
/t/ GEORGE SCHENKEIN
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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Frank M. Hoppe
FRANK M. HOPPE,
1st., A.C.,
Group Historical Officer

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Army Air Force Station 170

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Exh #5- Aug 1944

APO 140, U. S. Army
4 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDER)

NUMBER.....59)

1. Under the provisions of AAF Regulation 62 - 14A, dtd 28 May 1943, as amended by 62 - 14B, dtd 8 Oct 1943, the following officers are aptd members of the Aircraft Accident Committee:

LT COL WALTER W. FARMER	O 217 49	AC
MAJ LLOYD F. DUNN	O 724 399	AC
MAJ WILLIAM P. THOMAS	O 496 149	AC (Int O)
MAJ WARREN J. CONN	O 400 569	MC (Med O)
MAJ KENNETH T. RONEY	O 430 182	AC
1ST LT RICHARD F. SHAFER	O 025 866	AC (Acft Accident O)

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

GOMER D. MORGAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Gomer D. Morgan
GOMER D. MORGAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Exh #6-Aug 1944

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APO 140, U.S. Army
9 August 1944

SUBJECT: Transfer of Officers

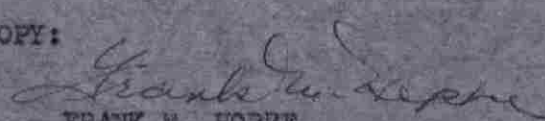
TO : Commanding Officers, 669th and 670th Bombardment Squadrons
(L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

1. MAJ LLOYD F. DUNN O 724 399 AC (1022) is reld fr asgmt w/ Hq 416th Bomb Gp (L), is asgd 670th Bomb Sq (L).
2. MAJ WILLIAM J. MENG O 397 582 AC (1022) is reld fr asgmt w/ 670th Bomb Sq (L), is asgd Hq 416th Bomb Gp (L).
3. MAJ ROBERT A. CLARK O 424 713 AC (1022) is reld fr asgmt w/ 669th Bomb Sq (L), is asgd Hq 416th Bomb Gp (L).

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

/s/ George Schenkein,
/t/ GEORGE SCHENKEIN
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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 1st Lt., A.C.,
 Group Historical Officer
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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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Exh #7-Aug 1944

AFO 140, U. S. Army
9 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER. . .193)

1. Pursuant to the auth contained in 3d Ind, Hq Ninth Air Force, 21 Apr 1944, to Ltr, Hq USSTAF, 20 Mar 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont Alws at Air Force Rest Homes", 1ST LT WILLIAM B. OSTRANDER, O 806 323 AC, 670th Bomb Sq (L), is placed on temp dy, w/ o/a 11 Aug 1944, Coombe-House Hotel, Semley, Wiltshire, for a period of seven (7) days, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, O will ret to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT, mil acft or rail. Where Govt qrs and subs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of qrs, not to exceed \$4.00 per day and per diem \$1.25 in lieu of subs, are atzd, while in a travel status, in accordance w/ par 2, Cir 63, Hq ETOUSA, 5 June 1944. 60-136 p 432-02 A 212/50425.

Reimbursement for additional cost of subs while on temp dy as patient in Rest Home is atzd at the rate of \$1.25 per day in accordance w/ par 4, USSTAF Reg. 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 p 410-01 A 212/50200. The Fin O to whom this expense acct is submitted for payment will make a report of cost to the Fiscal O, Ninth Air Force. (Par 13, AR 35-1040)

2. MAJ WILLIAM J. MENG, O 397 582 AC, this Hq, is aptd Air Inspector (Deputy Comdr)(Prin dy) and Gp Tac Inspector (Add dy).

3. MAJ ROBERT A. CLARK, O 424 713 AC, this Hq, is aptd Asst Gp Cpn, Wxy, and Cam C (Prin dy) VICE MAJ LLOYD F. DUNN, O 724 390 AC, reld.

4. Pursuant to the auth contained in 3d Ind fr Hq, Ninth Air Force, 21 Apr 1944, to Ltr, Hq USSTAF, 20 Mar 1944, file 245.8 x 354.7, subj: "Auth for Mont Alws at Air Force Rest Homes", the following named IM, orgns indicated, are placed on temp dy, w/ o/a 13 Aug 1944, Walhampton House, Brokenhurst, England, for a period of seven (7) days, for the purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CG, Ninth Air Force. Upon completion of this temp dy, IM will ret to proper orgn and sta. Where Govt rat and qrs are not available, reimbursement for actual cost of rat and qrs are atzd in accordance w/ par 3b, Cir 63, Hq ETOUSA, 5 June 1944, while in a travel status. 60-136 p 432-02 A 212/50425.

Reimbursement for additional cost of subs while on temp dy as patient in Rest Home is atzd at the rate of \$2.00 per day in accordance w/ par 4, USSTAF Reg. 30-3, 29 June 1944. 60-136 p 411-07 A 212/50502.

666th Bomb Sq (L)

S Sgt Amos E. Bergeron Jr.	18 060 379
S Sgt Harvey E. Kelton	18 060 588

671st Bomb Sq (L)

S Sgt Julius Galender	12 204 433
S Sgt Robert G. Schrom	33 590 455

Travel directed is pursuant to auth contained in Ltr, Hq ETOUSA, dtd 24 May 1944)

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SO 133, HQ 416th Bomb Gp (L), APO 140, U. S. Army, dtd 9 August 1944, cont'd.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

GEORGE SCHENKIN
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

Joseph A. Hauerich
JOSEPH A. HAUERICH
1st Lt., Air Corps
Assistant Adjutant

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Army Air Force Station 170

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Exh #8-Aug 1944

AFPO 140, U. S. Army
23 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDER)
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NUMBER 68)

1. MAJ WILLIAM J. MENG, O 397 582, AC, 416th Bomb Group (I) is aptd Sta
Air Inspector.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

GOMER D. MORGAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Gomer D. Morgan
GOMER D. MORGAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Army Air Force Station 170

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Exh #9-Aug 1944

APO 140, U. S. ARMY
17 August 1944

SPECIAL ORDER)

NUMBER ... 66)

1. Par 1, SO 65, this Hq, cs, dtd 15 August 1944 is revoked.

2. A special court-martial is aptd to meet at this sta at the call of the president thereof for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it.

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

MAJ	LESLIE YAGER, JR.,	O 207 431	AC
MAJ	WILLIAM P. THOMAS.	O 496 149	AC
MAJ	LEOYD F. DURN,	O 724 399	AC
CAPT	JAMES H. GARDNER,	O 454 061	MAC
CAPT	WILLIAM C. DUFF,	O 559 089	AC
CAPT	ROBERT J. KEHRES,	O 856 484	AC
CAPT	ARTHUR E. OSBORNE, JR.,	O 684 683	AC
1ST LT	LILBURN J. ROGERS, JR.,	O 569 980	AC Trial Judge Advocate
1ST LT	JOHN M. BONURA	O 650 353	AC Asst Trial Judge Advocate
1ST LT	SYDNEY A. LURIA	O 575 409	AC Defense Counsel
2ND LT	HARRY G. SUTINER	O 582 977	AC Asst Defense Counsel

All cases now in the hands of TJA of SCM aptd in par 2, SO 17, these Hq, 15 March 1944 not arraigned or tried are hereby withdrawn and referred for trial to the TJA of SCM herein aptd.

3. The following RAF personnel, 71st Maintenance Unit (Salvago) are atchd to to 79th Station Complement Squadron for rats and qrs.

209783	F/Sgt	Lewis, A.
1420177	LAC	Bennett, R.
1644815	LAC	Hopkins, E.
1460788	AC1	Toms, C.
1282207	AJ2	Spellai, H.
1640558	AC2	Strange, R.
1375296	Cpl	Connell, G.

4. Par 1, SO 43, this Hq, cs, dtd 2 July 1944, is amended to include Par 3a and 3b, Cir 63, Hq, BTUSA, 5 June 1944.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

GOMER D. MORGAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

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Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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AAP STATION 170

Exh #10- Aug 1944

FIELD ORDER

NUMBER 1)

APO 140, U. S. Army.

Maps: Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, East Anglia, 1:63360 and Appendix "A", to secret letter, this Headquarters, dated 16 August 1944, subj: "Movement Instructions".

1. a. (1) No change.
(2) Enemy Air Forces are capable of strafing or bombing columns of troops in intruder raids, day or night. Robot bomb raids possible day or night.
- b. (1) No change.
(2) Local air superiority is unquestioned but does not provide absolute protection against sneak attacks. No local protection against robot bomb attacks.
2. a. The 416th Bombardment Group (L) and allied units will execute a tactical move to consist of loading equipment, performing road march, bivouac overnight and return to Base sites.
b. Movement will take place on 21 August 1944 and return 22 August 1944.
3. a. Units to participate:
 - (1) 416th Bombardment Group (L) (Advance Echelons only)
 - (2) 79th Station Complement Squadron (Advance echelon only)
 - (3) 1297th Military Police Company (Entire organization)
 - (4) 2055th Engineer Fire Fighter Platoon (Entire organization)
 - (5) 199th Medical Dispensary (Entire organization)
 - (6) Det "MC", 40th Mobile Communications Squadron (Entire organization)
 - (7) 4th Combat Camera Unit (Advance Echelon only)
- b. Route (See afore-mentioned Appendix "A").
- c. Maximum effort of aircraft will be held available for missions.
- x. (1) In performing the tactical move as noted in paragraph 2a above, the units will be governed by the provisions of secret letter, this Headquarters, dated 16 August 1944, subj: "Movement Instructions".
(2) Traffic and Transportation:
 - (a) The first and last vehicle of each serial will display appropriate convoy numbers as directed by the Convoy Commander.
 - (b) The first vehicle of each serial will bear a blue flag and the last vehicle of each serial will bear a green flag.
 - (c) Rate of march--Fifteen (15) MPH.
 - (d) Distance between vehicles -- sixty (60) yards.
 - (e) Truck turrets will be manned.
 - (f) Convoy Commander will be responsible for march discipline and air defense.
4. a. An entrucking table as set forth in FM 25-10 will be furnished by the Convoy Commander to the Station Commander by 1000 hours, 20 August 1944.
b. No post, camp or station property will be moved.
c. For further information see secret letter, this Headquarters, dated 16 August 1944, subj: "Movement Instructions".
5. Communications -- See sub-paragraph 4 c above.

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FIELD ORDER NUMBER 1 cont'd.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AXLESWORTH:

HAROLD A. RADETSKY
Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer

OFFICIAL:

/s/ Harold A. Radetsky
/s/ HAROLD A. RADETSKY
Major, Air Corps
Operations Officer

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Frank M. Hoppe
FRANK M. HOPPE,
1st Lt., A. C.,
Group Historical Officer

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SECRETHEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION 170*Exh #11- Aug 1944*APO 140, U.S. Army,
16 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Movement Instructions.

TO : Commanding Officers, All Units Alerted per Alert Order No. 34, Hq IX AF,
dated 12 May 1944.

I. a. Upon receipt of this letter all units concerned will immediately prepare to depart this station.

b. Uniform and equipment for this move will be as follows:

(1) OD uniform with field jacket and leggings.

(2) Full field equipment.

Note: Horseshoe roll to be carried which will contain pins, pole, shelter half, impregnated clothing and two (2) blankets. Vehicle drivers and assistant drivers will wear coveralls.

II. a. Vehicles will be loaded, dispersed in designated areas and camouflaged as of 2000 hours, 20 August 1944.

b. All equipment, supplies and baggage as shown on vehicle packing list previously submitted to Group 3-4 will be loaded.

c. Equipment to be moved by RTO will be segregated and listed as prescribed in Administrative Order No. 1, IX Bomber Command, dated 7 August 1944.

d. Vehicle packing lists will be prepared.

e. Unit Supply Officers will draw one and one-third day's supply of "K" rations for bivouac, subject rations to be carried in unit vehicles.

f. Water trailers and re-fueling units will be loaded.

g. Units will depart the base in serials prescribed by Convoy Commander at 0900 hours 21 August 1944. The first vehicle, first serial, in the convoy will pass Gate No. 1 at exactly 0900 hours.

h. Convoy will proceed as per attached Appendix "A" to destination. Rate of march to be fifteen (15) miles per hour. Arrival time 0930 hours.

i. Communications enroute will consist of motor messenger service utilizing Military Police escort as messengers.

j. Radio silence will be observed both enroute and upon arrival at destination.

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Ltr, Movement Instructions, dated 16 Aug 44, Continued.

II. k. Upon arrival at destination, units will proceed to areas designated by Appendix "A".

1. Personnel not travelling by vehicle will be marched to bivouac area and will arrive in their respective areas at 0930 hours.

III. a. Upon arrival in bivouac area each unit will:

- (1) Disperse and camouflage vehicles and equipment.
- (2) Set up Command Post.
- (3) Security measures and defense plans will be instituted.
- (4) Proper field sanitation measures will be initiated.
- (5) Set up first aid station.
- (6) Wire communications and message center will be established at the respective Command Posts as directed by the Group Communications Officer.
- (7) Post guards.

b. Equipment not needed to comply with the fore-going sub-paragraphs will remain on vehicles.

c. Units will be prepared for inspection at 0800, 22 August 1944.

d. Units will break camp in time to depart bivouac area at 1500, 22 August 1944. Breaking camp will be coordinated with Group Operations (Rear) so that there will be no interference with any mission which might be in progress.

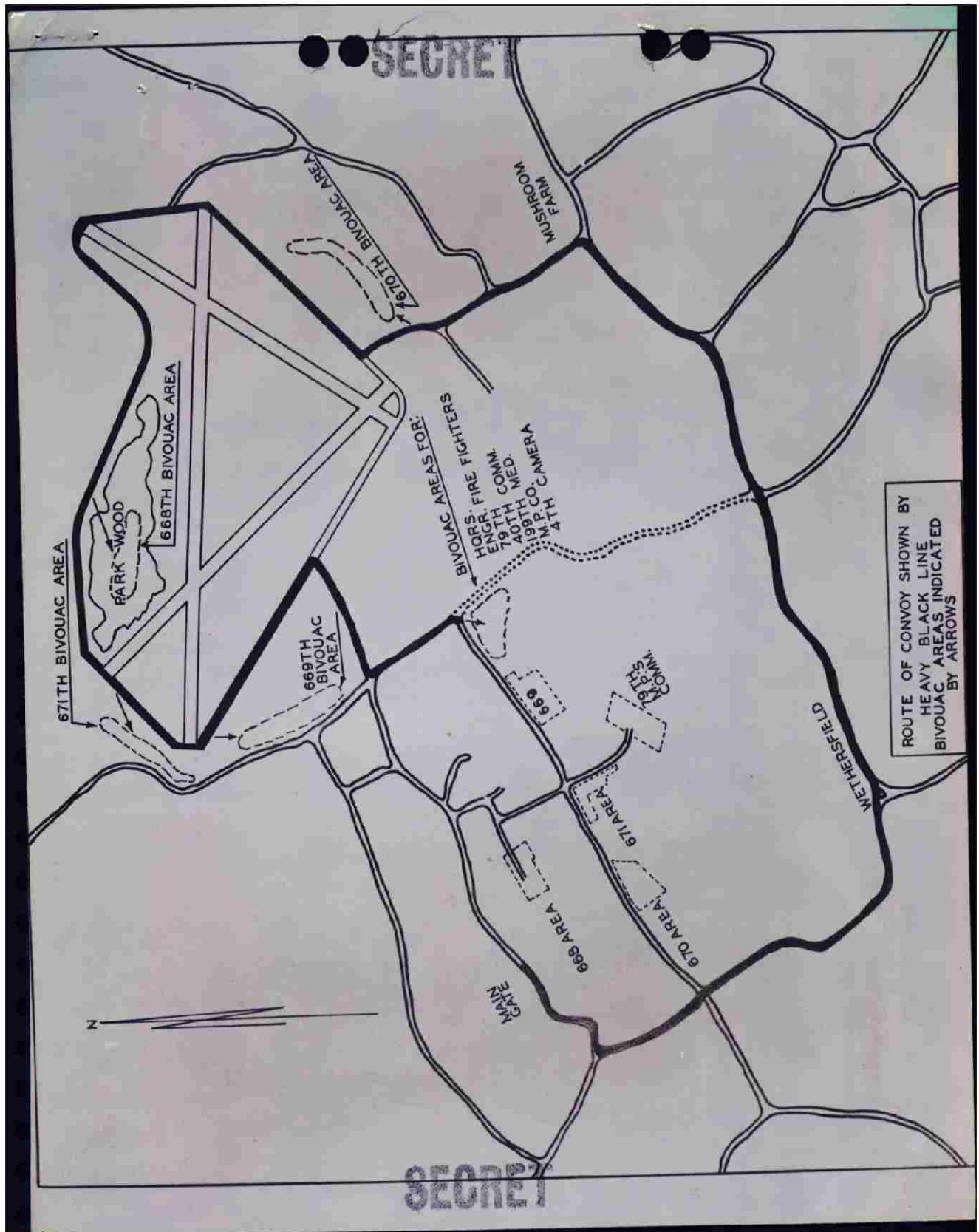
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/s/ Gomer D. Morgan,
/t/ GOMER D. MORGAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

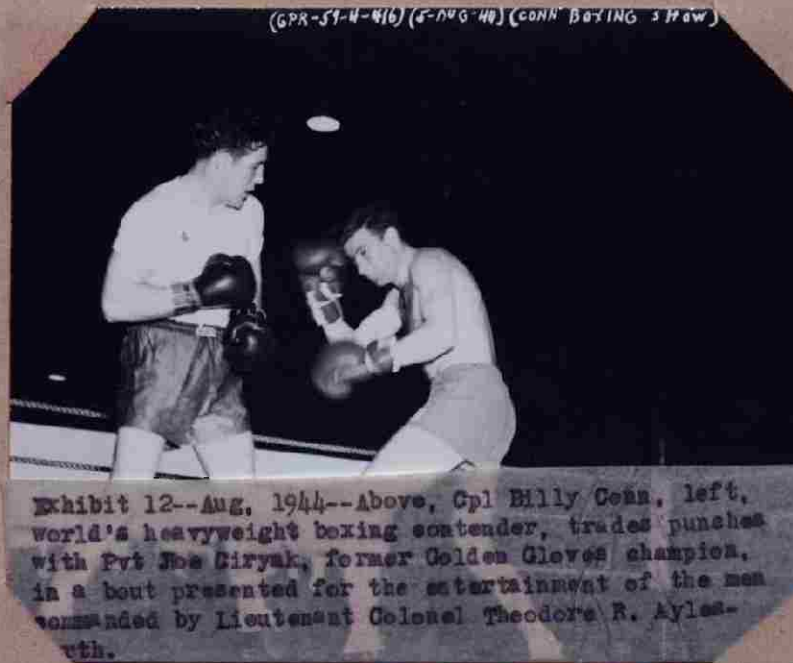
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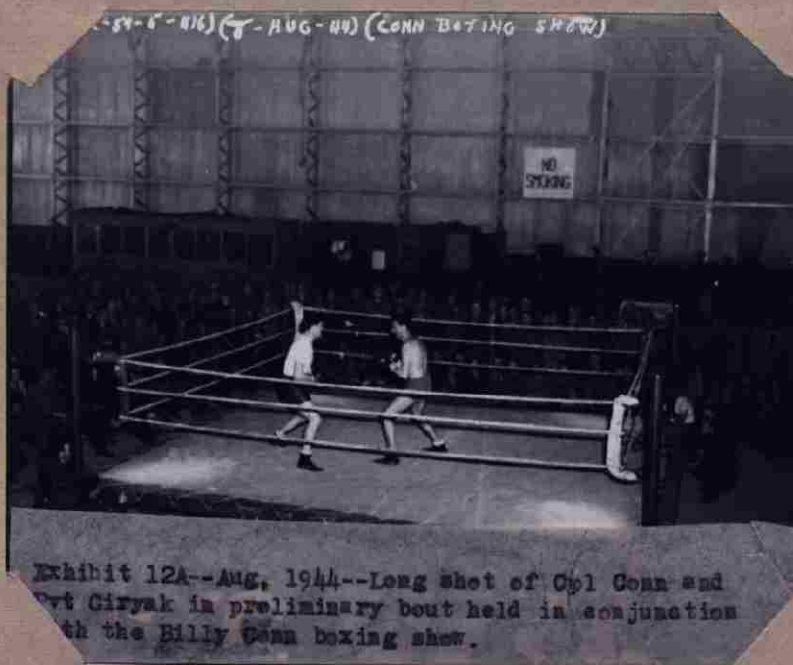


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Office of the Commanding General

Exh #43-Aug 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

3 August 1944.

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SECTION

AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS***** I

I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and Circular #32, Hq European T of Opns, U.S. Army, 20 March 1944, the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers.

TOMMIE J. SIMS, O-675455, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy, 27 May 1944. Lieutenant Sims on this date was pilot of an A-20 airplane on a mission over enemy occupied territory. As the plane began its bomb run, it was struck by anti-aircraft fire which knocked out one engine and seriously wounded Lieutenant Sims in the left arm and both thighs. Despite the pain of his wounds and the fact that one of his arms was useless, he remained in formation and released his bombs on the target. The plane now began to lose speed and altitude, and Lieutenant Sims, knowing that he might not be able to retain consciousness, ordered his crew to bail out. Then alone, weak from pain and loss of blood, with his plane the target of violent anti-aircraft fire, he set course for a friendly base where he made a safe landing even though he was physically unable to lower the landing gear. The outstanding heroism of Lieutenant Sims and his determination to accomplish his mission at all costs exemplify the best traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

E. F. CURTIS,
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ HARRIS F. SCHERER
HARRIS F. SCHERER
Colonel, AGD.,
Adjutant General.

A CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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

SECRETHEADQUARTERS
IX BOMBER COMMAND

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Exn #14-Aug 1944

201.22-Blackford, Dayton S. (E)

APO 140, U S Army
9 August 1944

SUBJECT : Commendation.

TO : Sgt Dayton S. Blackford, 20245674, 670th Bombardment Squadron (L), 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U S Army.

I desire to commend you for your ingenuity and self-reliance you displayed on 18 July 1944 when you restored the use of the air speed indicator and altimeter of your aircraft. The altimeter and air speed indicator control line severed by enemy anti-aircraft, you displayed unusual resourcefulness in effecting the repair of these lines by ingenious use of the few materials at your disposal. With the rubber tubing from an already damaged "Mee West" and the tape from your headsey, you were able to replace the section of line torn away by enemy action. Your actions on this occasion permitted the pilot to land the aircraft safely with full use of these instruments. High praise is due you for your initiative and quick thinking in removing this hazard.

SAMUEL E. ANDERSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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Frank M. Hoppe
FRANK M. HOPPE
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Group Historical Officer

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IX BOMBER COMMAND

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EXH #15-AUG 1944

201.22-Burger, LaVerne C. (E)

APO 140, U S Army
9 August 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Sgt LaVerne C Burger, 15377330, 670th Bombardment Squad-
: ron (L), 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U S Army.

I desire to commend you for the initiative and alertness you displayed on 18 July 1944 when you repaired the torn altimeter and air speed indicator control line of your aircraft, which had been severed by enemy anti-aircraft. With the use of scissors from a first aid kit you cut off the jagged edges of the torn line and bored open the flattened parts. Then with the tube from a "Mas West" and the tape from an headset you restored the use of these lines. Your skill in putting to use the few simple materials at your disposal permitted the air speed indicator and altimeter to function in spite of the damage incurred by the enemy. As a result of your ingenuity the pilot was able to make a safe landing. High praise is due you for your resourcefulness and skill in mastering this critical situation.

SAMUEL E. ANDERSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding.

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Group Historical Officer

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 IX BOMBER COMMAND

Exh #16-Aug 1944

APO 140, US Army,
14 August 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)

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EXTRACT

SECTION I: AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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 delegated by the War Department and contained in ETOUSA Circular #56, dated 27 May 1944, a SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

3. For heroism, 19 July 1944, when the radio equipment installed in the mid-section of an A-20 aircraft which was prepared for a combat operational mission suddenly burst into flames and the following named enlisted men sprang to combat the blaze. The imminent danger that the fire would spread to the bomb bay fuel tank and eventually detonate the fuzed bombs was averted by the prompt, fearless, and efficient actions of these men. Exhibiting extraordinary heroism they crawled beneath the fuselage and defused the four five-hundred pound bombs in the bomb bay. With the use of fire extinguishers they accomplished the final extinction of the flames before serious damage to the aircraft was done. Their presence of mind and courageous actions removed a hazard to a large number of personnel in the area and insured the safety of much government property:

	<u>416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)</u>		
	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Harold Arnes	39180369	T/Sgt	Tacoma, Wash.
Charles S Curtis	38152239	T/Sgt	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Clyde Denetsons	39847522	Sgt	Phoenix, Ariz.
Ernest M Partaledis	31163976	Sgt	Boston, Mass.
Frank J Robertson	32718662	Pfc	New York City, N. Y.
William J Higgins	51205556	Pvt	Boston, Mass.

4. For heroism, 4 June 1944, while on a combat operational mission the below listed crew member's A-20 aircraft was the target of accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire which severed hydraulic lines and pierced the gasoline tanks. On the withdrawal from the target area, the VHF equipment suddenly burst into flames which presented an extreme hazard when the bomb-bay doors refused to close and caused a dense spray in the midsection from the leaking hydraulic fluid and gasoline. These crew members laboring jointly fought the blaze with fire extinguishers and succeeded in bringing the fire under control. As they approached the home base the fire broke out with renewed vigor and only through their valient endeavors was final extinction accomplished a few moments before the pilot brought the smouldering aircraft to earth. The devotion to duty and achievement of these crew members are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces:

	<u>416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)</u>		This is a posthumous award. Next of kin: Thomas E Coe, (Father), 5152 Fifth Avenue, So. Birmingham, Ala. Oklahoma City, Okla.
	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
William H Coe	14178256	S/Sgt	
Earnest E Kolly	38271192	S/Sgt	

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS,
Brig Gen, U S A,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C.C. Vega, Jr.
/t/ C.C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt Col, A. C.
Adjutant General

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

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Buld. 3, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

FRANK J. CHERNEY, 37121034, Technical Sergeant, 670th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations from March to July 1944.

HUBERT L. GLICK, 14063685, Technical Sergeant, 670th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from April to June 1944.

WILLIAM R. DYK, 39606420, Technical Sergeant, 669th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to June 1944.

GEO. W. FRANDSEN, 19073652, Technical Sergeant, 669th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to June 1944.

CRAIG M. HARPER, 19115445, Technical Sergeant, 671st Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to June 1944.

FRED L. HAMMILL, 31127070, Sergeant, 670th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to July 1944.

ELMER MOORE, 15065505, Technical Sergeant, 669th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from April to June 1944.

ELMER E. MILLERS, 18061895, Technical Sergeant, 669th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct

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support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to June 1944.

LAURENCE E. NUNNY, 34249079, Technical Sergeant, 671st Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to June 1944.

WILLIAM D. GRAVES, 33249379, Technical Sergeant, 671st Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to June 1944.

RAYMOND A. ROHRMAN, 13069199, Technical Sergeant, 671st Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to June 1944.

FREDERICK L. STELLER, 33185331, Technical Sergeant, 669th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to June 1944.

HARRY C. WILSON, 33106700, Technical Sergeant, 669th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to July 1944.

MARVIN P. WINGLER, 19082973, Technical Sergeant, 669th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from April to July 1944.

HENRY C. THOMPSON, 19077552, Technical Sergeant, 671st Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For meritorious service in direct support of combat operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to July 1944.

By command of Lieutenant General Brecken:

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen, USA
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OFFICIAL:

/s/ C H Seebach
/t/ C H SEEBACH
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General.

I certify the above to be a true extract.

/s/ J.T.S. Morris
/t/ J.T.S. MORRIS
Captain, Air Corps

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named enlisted men, organization indicated, in recognition of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy:

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416th Bombardment Group (L)

T/Sgt	Alex L. Wash	13038724
T/Sgt	Jameson Risser	15073529
T/Sgt	Arthur J. Sanderson	16093487
T/Sgt	Raymond C. DeLano	19093238
T/Sgt	Raymond A. Hallie	39180342
T/Sgt	Joe J. Chapin	18060069
T/Sgt	Charles L. Ball	38150915
T/Sgt	Harold Arnes	39180369
T/Sgt	Charles V. Blanchard	32378213
Sgt	William G. Coddas	36571457
Sgt	Homer L. Hudson	39387574

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

V H STRAHM
Brig Gen, USA
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OFFICIAL:

/s/ Harold L. Carter
/t/ HAROLD L. CARTER
Lt Col, A.G.D.
Asst Adj Gen

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

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V--AIR MEDAL.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49 WD, 1942), an Air Medal was awarded by the War Department to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

Major THEODORE R. AYLESWORTH, O-22629, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained antisubmarine patrol activity as pilot from December 1941 to April 1942. Accomplishment of many of these missions was made under the hazards of unfavorable weather conditions and the possibility of encountering antiaircraft fire. The services of Major AYLESWORTH reflect highest credit on the military forces of the United States.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

G.C. MARSHALL,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

THIS IS A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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IX Bomber Command

Exh #20-Aug 1944

APO 140, U S Army,
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SECTION I: AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.
 SECTION II: AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.
 SECTION III: AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.
 SECTION IV: AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS.

SECTION IV

1. So much of Sect. I, GO 134, this Hqs, as, as pertains to the award of the PURPLE HEART to the following named individuals, organizations indicated, is revoked.

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

ROBERT J ROONEY	0-26102	FIRST LIEUTENANT
Herbert M McGleary	37437141	Staff Sergeant

By command of Brigadier General Anderson:

RICHARD C. SANDERS,
 Brig Gen, U S A,
 Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ S.L. Parmenter,
 /t/ S.L. PARMENTER,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Asst Adj General.

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SECTION I : AWARDS TO 391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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SECTION III: AWARDS TO 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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SECTION III

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 and contained in ETOUSA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, 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 flights in the European Theater of Operations, they each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

TCM CLAUSEN	0-755880	2ND LT	Richmond, Va.
Edward P Brzezinski	33416474	Sgt	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

JOHN E BLONGREN	0-753323	2ND LT	Rockford, Ill.
LEO E FOUNDSTONE	0-749491	2ND LT	Bement, Ill.
Arnold J Burland	39208608	Sgt	Seattle, Wash.
Kalen Heath	34176233	Sgt	Stoneville, N.C.
Jack Mani	39560628	Sgt	Los Angeles, Cal.
John J McGuire	17143116	Sgt	St Paul, Minn.
Louis Moskowitz	12153874	Pvt	New York, N.Y.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Ralph L Cochran	34764279	Sgt	College Park, Ga.
William D Cummings	33671548	Sgt	Mt. Braddock, Pa.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

MORACE F FAIR	0-747882	2ND LT	Atlanta, Ga.
Robert J Brown	15102500	Sgt	Mooreland, Ind.

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 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 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

EIGHTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

l. GO 141, Ninth Air Force, 28 May 1944
671st Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Italo R De Giusti 38190462 S/Sgt Tulsa, Okla.

m. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 ROBERT D LESNER 0-684361 1ST LT Houston, Texas
669th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 William E Fields 35339996 S/Sgt Fort Wayne, Ind.
670th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Marvin R Brayn 12204339 S/Sgt Brooklyn, N.Y.
 William J Donahue 17024222 S/Sgt Independence, Iowa
 Paul B Driskill 38341351 S/Sgt Avoca, Texas
 O. D. Evans 18133280 S/Sgt Krebs, Okla.

n. GO 122, Hq Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 WAYNE E DOWNING 0-661726 1ST LT Longmont, Colo.

NINTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

o. GO 37, Hq VIII Air Support Command, 13 October 1943
671st Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Pervy R Clearman 20452201 S/Sgt Duffee, Miss.

p. GO 107, Hq Ninth Air Force, 20 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Earnest E Kelly 38271192 S/Sgt Weatherford, Okla.
670th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Francis G Falk 35621083 S/Sgt Columbus, Ohio
 Robert E Lee, Jr. 20450748 S/Sgt Pulaski, Tenn.

q. GO 114, Hq Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Fred L Adair 37498495 S/Sgt Rushville, Mo.
 Carl F Love 34443283 S/Sgt Opelika, Ala.
669th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Harvey E Kelton 18060588 S/Sgt Edna, Texas

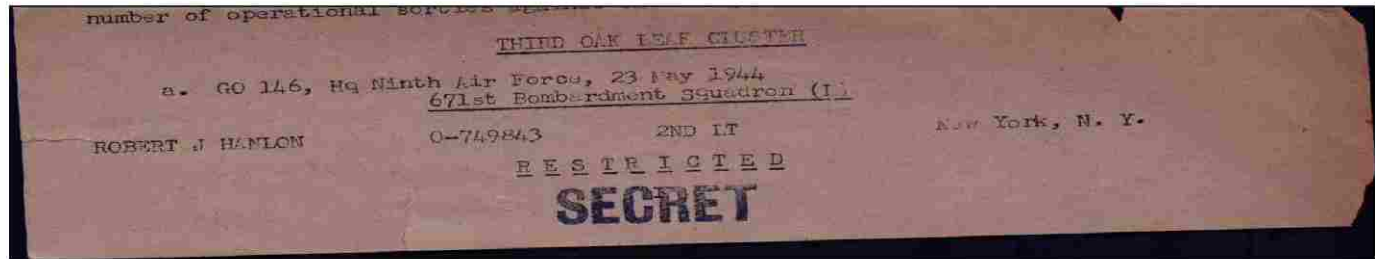
r. GO 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Edward S Dickenson 13034047 S/Sgt Union City, Tenn.
669th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Russell J Colosimo 33181528 S/Sgt Scranton, Pa.
 Arthur L Nielsen 37369813 S/Sgt Gerald, Mo.
670th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Irving Pinney 32813178 S/Sgt Woodside, N.Y.
671st Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Harry T Best 33292112 S/Sgt Cheswick, Pa.
 Keith I Johnson 16021559 S/Sgt Chippewa Falls, Wis.
 Louis G. Kutzer 13085388 S/Sgt Iatrova, Pa.

ELEVENTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

s. GO 107, Hq Ninth Air Force, 20 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Charles I Hibbs 39099657 S/Sgt San Jose, Cal.

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William F Colbert	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u> 38398755 S/Sgt	Lawton, Okla.
Clifford J Harp	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u> 15331635 S/Sgt	Evansville, Ind.
k. GO 124, Hq Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944		
DANIEL F SHEA	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u> 0-2611	

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b. GO 156, Hq Ninth Air Force, 4 June 1944
669th Bombardment Squadron (I)

JOHN G NAPIER	O-431478	MAJOR	Scottsville, Ky.
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c. GO 99, Hq IX Bomber Command, 9 June 1944			
	671st Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Arthur J Burgess	33416564	S/Sgt	Pittsburg, Pa.

d. GO 107, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944			
	669th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
WILLIAM F TRIFF, JR.	O-813699	2ND LT	Dedham, Mass.
	671st Bombardment Squadron (I)		
ARTHUR E HERMAN	O-813699	2ND LT	Bridgeport, Conn.
Julius Galender	12204433	S/Sgt	Montclair, N.J.
Raymond J Jones	13112659	S/Sgt	Philadelphia, Pa.
James O Yound	35711742	S/Sgt	Dayton, Ohio

FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

e. GO 124, Hq Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944			
	416th Bombardment Group (I)		
WILLIAM M LYTLE	O-750038	1ST LT	Orrville, Ohio

f. GO 107, Hq IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944			
	668th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Roy F Chustz	18139562	S/Sgt	Lakeland, Ia.
Claude J Clark, Jr.	18045318	S/Sgt	Globe, Arizona
	669th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Roger W. Rice	11113422	S/Sgt	Boston, Mass.
	670th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Dayton S Blackford	20245674	Sgt	Franklin, N.J.
Laverne C Burger	15377330	Sgt	Alliance, Ohio

SIXTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

g. GO 124, Hq Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944			
	671st Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Victor P Adams	35048327	S/Sgt	Cleveland, Ohio

h. GO 141, Hq Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944			
	668th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
FRANCIS H BURSIEL	O-749712	1ST LT	Whitman, Mass.
	669th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
EDWARD J RENTH	O-26346	1ST LT	Washington, D.C.
WILLARD H LAND	O-684357	1ST LT	Rodessa, Ia.
	670th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
James C McKee	14047810	S/Sgt	Atlanta, Ga.

SEVENTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

i. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944			
	668th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
GERALD M MCNULTY	O-886006	CAPT	Fainesville, Ohio
	669th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
PATRICK F E MANNING, JR	O-671071	1ST LT	Waglandville, Texas
	670th Bombardment Squadron (I)		

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 141, Hq Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944
671st Bombardment Squadron (I)
 ROBERT J BASNETT O-749745 1ST LT Webb City, Mo.
 JOHN T BECK O-760152 2ND LT Ruleville, Miss.
- b. GO 107, Hq IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944
669th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Ralph C Hoffman 17026879 S/Sgt Robbinsdale, Minn.
670th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 John L Johnson 17110843 Sgt Minneapolis, Minn.
 Stanley R Zaklikiewicz 16078501 Sgt Chicago, Ill.

3. 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 416th Bombardment Group (I), are awarded the SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER, in lieu of the tenth 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 ETUSA 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 29, Antilles Air Command, 13 July 1944
671st Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Jean R L Tanner 6562842 T/Sgt Bakersfield, Cal.
- b. GO 114, Hq Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944
670th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Howard E White 20452199 S/Sgt Meridian, Miss.
- c. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (I)
 Leo G. Robbins 6872552 T/Sgt Rochester, N. Y.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS
 Brig Gen, USA,
 Chief of Staff

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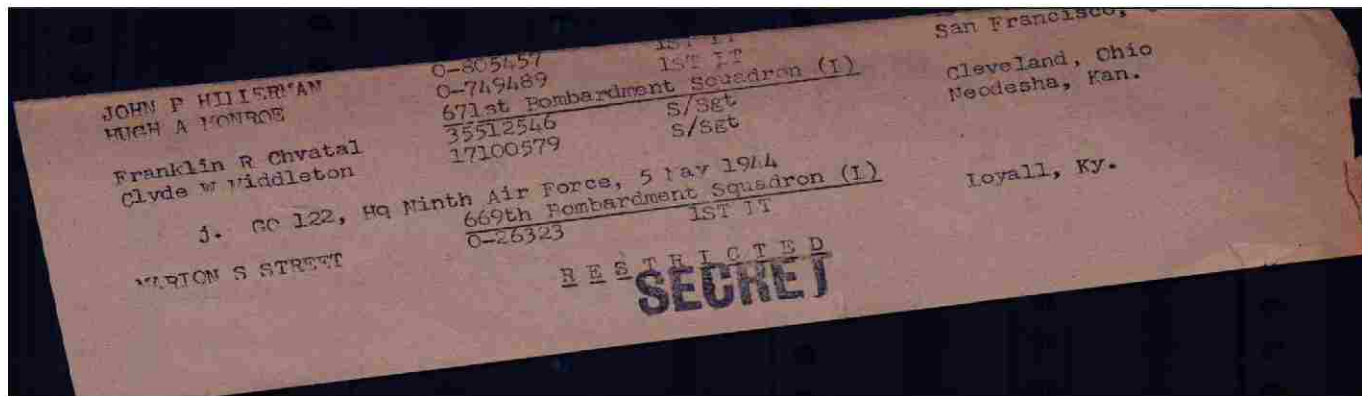
/s/ C. C. Vega Jr
 C. C. VEGA JR.,
 Lt. Col., AG,
 Adj Gen.

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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 enlisted men of the 416th Bombardment Group (I), are awarded the SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER, in lieu of the fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, under the provisions of Executive Order no. 9158, (Publ. 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, (Publ. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in BRUSA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, in recognition of their distinguished service.

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E X T R A C TSECTION I: AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.
SECTION II: AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF
CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART.SECTION II

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1944, 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 enlisted men having been awarded the PURPLE HEART, per General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs:

b. GO 118, Hq IX Bomber Command, 3 July 1944.

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

Harold R Hedrick, 14165008, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, For wounds received in action while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane on 31 July 1944.
Entered military service from High Point North Carolina.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C. SANDERS,
Brig Gen, U S A,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C. C. Vega, Jr.,
/t/ C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt. Col., A. C.,
Adjutant General.

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

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SECTION VII : AWARDS TO 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (I)

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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 and contained in ETOUSA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 416th Bombardment Group (I), 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.

LOVICK E CANNON	668th Bombardment Squadron (I) 0562680	2ND LT	Albany, Ga.
JULIAN F ALLEN JR	669th Bombardment Squadron (I) 0473470	2ND LT	Wadesboro, N. C.
EDWIN P HALL	0812584	2ND LT	Beaverdam, Va.
Robert W Carstens	36851748	Sgt	E. Detroit, Mich.
Leo R Getgen	33509556	Sgt	Williamsport, Pa.
Ralph P Sharp Jr	18150933	Sgt	Baton Rouge, La.
Charles W Veazey	14153481	Sgt	Moultrie, Ga.
PETER P BARAUSKY	670th Bombardment Squadron (I) 0754457	2ND LT	White Plains, N.Y.
JOSEPH R SPARLING JR	0800606	2ND LT	Tampa, Fla.
JOSEPH J LACKOVICH	671st Bombardment Squadron (I) 0753529	2ND LT	Yuma, Ariz.
Rollins M Barry	18171363	Sgt	Crowley, La.
Theodore Connery	37480228	Sgt	Cody, Neb.

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 enlisted men of the 416th Bombardment Group (I), 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.

First Oak Leaf Cluster

a. GO 136, Sec II, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 25 Jul 1944.

JAMES P KENNY	668th Bombardment Squadron (I) 0691368	2ND LT	New York, N.Y.
ARTHUR J WELSH	0691208	2ND LT	Dennison, Ill.
Daniel M Brown	35514148	Sgt	Lakewood, Ohio
Frank E Cherry	34774161	Sgt	Awarded Posthumously.
			Next of Kin:
			Mrs. D E Cherry (Mother)
			P.O. 62, Meadow Road
			Draper, N. C.

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GO 150, Sec VII, Hq IX Bomber Command, 10 Aug 1944, contd.

	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (I) (contd.)</u>		
Charles Fetko Jr	33466434	Sgt	Kingston, Pa.
Samuel H Giesy Jr	39554134	Sgt	Los Angeles, Calif.
Frank Moteriani	20318628	Sgt	Corapolis, Pa.
Stanley G Novak	36666232	Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
James K Spadoni	39034142	Sgt	San Francisco, Calif.
Raymond E Wright	38154863	Sgt	Bagletown, Okla.
	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
REXCE B ROBERTSON	0750851	2ND LT	Lovell, Wyo.
Joseph A Buskirk	12064124	Sgt	New York, N. Y.
Jamie E Hay	14142496	Sgt	Scottsdale, Ga.
Leonard R Fleming 3450	38529944	Sgt	Dallas, Texas
	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
Adam A Cianciosi	33168827	Sgt	Reading, Pa.
Melvin E Dias	39045838	Sgt	Richmond, Calif.
Henry J Nowosielski	33103439	Sgt	Miami, Florida

Second Oak Leaf Clusterb. GO 124, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 11 Jul 1944.

	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
COLEMAN L ESTES	0750359	2ND LT	Orange, Calif.
Chester R Orvold	34352978	S/Sgt	Madison, Wis.
Arthur E DiMartino	11087177	Sgt	Medford, Mass.

c. GO 136, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 25 Jul 1944.

	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
Charles Fetko Jr	33466434	Sgt	Kingston, Pa.
Stanley G Novak	36666232	Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Raymond E Wright	38154863	Sgt	Bagletown, Okla.

Third Oak Leaf Clusterd. GO 114, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 Apr 1944.

	<u>Hq, 416th Bombardment Group (I)</u>		
WALTER W FARMER	021749	LT COL	Ruston, La.

e. GO 107, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 18 Jun 1944.

	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
HIRAN B CLARK	0750339	2ND LT	Craig, Neb.
ANDRE J VLEGHELS	0750488	2ND LT	Detroit, Mich.
	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
JAMES H MILLER	0750427	2ND LT	Surgoinsville, Tenn.
THOMAS J MURRAY	0752432	2ND LT	Charleston, Mass.
Alvin D Garrett	34649222	S/Sgt	Piedmont, S. C.
Robert G Schrom	33590455	S/Sgt	Coatesville, Pa.

Fourth Oak Leaf Clusterf. GO 141, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944.

	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
CLAUDE W JONES	0749719	1ST LT	Mobile, Ala.

g. GO 156, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 4 Jun 1944.

	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
JACKSON C SEWELL	0797725	2ND LT	Denton, Md.

h. GO 107, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 18 Jun 1944.

	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
JACK F SMITH	0750471	2ND LT	Rock Wood, Tenn.
Claredon W Floyd	34507380	S/Sgt	Paris, Tenn.
John W Sabadosh	37341749	S/Sgt	Denver, Colo.
James O Scott	37652615	S/Sgt	Des Moines, Iowa
	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>		
FLOYD HENDERSON	0750386	2ND LT	Omaha, Neb.

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Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster

- i. GO 114, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 Apr 1944.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

LLOYD F DUNN	0724399	MAJOR	Los Angeles, Calif.
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- j. GO 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 1944.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ALFRED H MALTBY	0747669	1ST LT	Hastings, Fla.
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- k. GO 146, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 23 May 1944.
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

JACK J BURG	0743756	2ND LT	Florissant, Mo.
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- l. GO 156, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 4 Jun 1944.
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Kenneth E Hornbeck	12040278	S/Sgt	Kingston, N. Y.
Everette Shelton	6397532	S/Sgt	Liberty, N. C.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Glenn I Fleischmann	19060630	S/Sgt	Evanston, Ill.
Howard C Rodgers	35055981	S/Sgt	Berea, Ohio
James E Van Dyne Jr	32562907	S/Sgt	Caldwell, N. J.

Seventh Oak Leaf Cluster

- m. GO 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 1944.
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Atha A Hill	18083342	S/Sgt	Greggton, Texas
Robert W MacDonal	15697168	S/Sgt	Springfield, Mo.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

WILLIAM A PECK	0800034	1ST LT	Atlanta, Ga.
Charlie L Webb	34075097	S/Sgt	Jackson, Miss.
Jeong S Wing	18158622	S/Sgt	Greenville, Miss.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

FRANK J HARROLD	025934	1ST LT	Atlantic City, N. J.
Ralph Eutaler Jr	38463862	S/Sgt	Bartlesville, Okla.

- n. GO 122, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

RALPH CONTE	0749833	1ST LT	Paterson, N. J.
WILLIAM J GREENE	026092	1ST LT	Langley Field, Va.
EARNEST L JOHNSON	0663740	1ST LT	Guthrie, Okla.
LEONARD R MC PRIDE	0747840	1ST LT	Laurel, Miss.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

JOHNIS BOUKAMP	026182	1ST LT	Napoleon, Ind.
	670th Bombardment Squadron (I)		Port Huron, Mich.
ROBERT S HUDISILL	0797911	CAPT	Haines City, Fla.
	671st Bombardment Squadron (I)		
RONALD D PERKINS	0747885	1ST LT	San Francisco, Calif.
Howard C Worden	15011087	S/Sgt	Reedsport, Ore.

g. GO 122, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944.

	668th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
LUTHER E HILL	0806064	1ST LT	Richmond, Calif.
ELDON B KREH	0885988	1ST LT	Detroit, Mich.
	670th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
William F Colbert	38398755	S/Sgt	Lawton, Okla.
	671st Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Joseph J Rzepka	16111188	S/Sgt	Detroit, Mich.

r. GO 124, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944.

	670th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
DANIEL F SHEA	026111	1ST LT	Nashua, N. H.

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

	670th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Chester W Maziasz	36177150	S/Sgt	Detroit, Mich.

Ninth Oak Leaf Cluster

t. GO 22, Hq, IX Fighter Command, 11 Dec 1943.

	668th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
GALEN F BARTMUS	0730884	1ST LT	Redondo Beach, Calif.

u. GO 107, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 20 Apr 1944.

	669th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Everett T Epps	38340646	S/Sgt	Phillips, Texas

v. GO 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 1944.

	668th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
LORING G PEEDE	0747884	1ST LT	Oak Park, Ill.
Joe C Burkhalter	38369898	S/Sgt	Seymour, Texas
John A Fejes	13039715	S/Sgt	Irwin, Pa.
	669th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Charles A Prindle	37115838	S/Sgt	Waterloo, Iowa
John L Rogers Jr	13116554	S/Sgt	Luzerne, Pa.
	670th Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Sebastian F Dinapoli	32202754	S/Sgt	Newark, N. J.
John W Moran	16038462	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Joseph A Ochaba	36528191	S/Sgt	Detroit, Mich.
Joseph O Swafford Jr	17127295	S/Sgt	Kansas City, Kansas
Raymond F Addleman	13125060	S/Sgt	Spring Mills, Pa.
Patrick F Glynn	31185196	S/Sgt	Waltham, Mass.
Edward L Griffin	32454250	S/Sgt	Jersey City, N. J.
	671st Bombardment Squadron (I)		
Joseph L Czech	16028039	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Robert H Linneman	13126073	S/Sgt	Philadelphia, Pa.
Vincent N Sherry	32143331	S/Sgt	Rochester, N. Y.
Horace E Wellin	32132327	S/Sgt	Trumansburg, N. Y.

w. GO 122, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944.

	671st Bombardment Squadron (I)		
JAMES D ADAMS	0669657	1ST LT	Niagara Falls, N. Y.

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FRANCIS W DE MAND	0806235	1ST LT	Cairo, Ill.
RICHARD E GREENLEY	0806059		
o. GO 124, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944.			
<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>			
ROBERT H JOOST	0666678	1ST LT	San Francisco, Calif.
CHARLES L MC GLOHN	0806288	1ST LT	Houston, Texas
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Eighth Oak Leaf Cluster

P. GO 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 1944.

RICHARD V MIRACLE	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
	026150	1ST LT
	669th Bombardment Squadron (L)	Mt Gilead, Ohio
MEREDITH J HUFF	0736220	
ROBERT L BENNER	0681212	CAPT Jennings, Kansas

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Eleventh Oak Leaf Clusterx. GO 11, Hq, Twelfth Air Force, 1 Jan 1943.

	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
Robert K Riley	12025499	S/Sgt Elkland, Pa.

y. GO 59, War Department, 22 Sep 1943.

	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
Amos E Bergeron	18060379	S/Sgt Eunice, La.

3. 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 Bombardment Group (I), are 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 and contained in ETCUSA 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 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 1944.

	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
DAVID L WILLETT	0431583	MAJOR Morgantown, W. Va.

b. GO 122, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944.

	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
ROBERT A CLARK	0424713	MAJOR Grand Rapids, Mich.

c. GO 124, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944.

	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
ROBERT O GRUETZEMACHER	0421542	1ST LT University City, Mo.

d. GO 95, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 5 Jun 1944.

	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
Douglas Wantske	13103697	S/Sgt Annapolis, Md.
	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
Lucio Martinez	39291156	Sgt Las Vegas, N. Mex.

e. GO 107, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 18 Jun 1944.

	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
Frank E Melchior	36271322	S/Sgt Gillett, Wis.
Constantine Vafiadis	12159036	S/Sgt Long Branch, N. J.
Clay E Young	17129222	S/Sgt Deepwater, Mo.
	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
Lucio Martinez	39291156	Sgt Las Vegas, N. Mex.
Dayton S Blackford	20245674	Sgt Franklin, N. J.
Eugene F Paules	33505590	Sgt Dover, Pa.
	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (I)</u>	
Delbert H DeBower	17112486	S/Sgt Allison, Iowa

4. 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 Bombardment Group (I), are awarded the SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER, in lieu of the tenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bull. 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive

Albert J Bonamo

668th Bombardment Squadron (I)

32690658

S/Sgt

New York, N. Y.

d. GO 117, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 28 Apr 1944.

668th Bombardment Squadron (I)

Bennett C Sieg

32382787

S/Sgt

Buffalo, N. Y.

Doyle H Simpson

19010446

S/Sgt

Salt Lake City, Utah

669th Bombardment Squadron (I)

Robert L Ballinger

36165081

S/Sgt

St Johns, Mich.

Foster M Citty

38449728

S/Sgt

Hope, Ark.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

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

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C C Vega Jr
C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt Col., AC,
Adjutant General.

A CERTIFIED TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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

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Order No. 9242-A, (Bull. 49, "D 1942), and in accordance with the policy established by the War Department and contained in WTCUSA 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 37, HQ, VIII Air Support Command, 13 Oct 1943.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Pervy R Clearman

20452201

S/Sgt

Duffee, Miss.

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b. GO 107, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 20 Apr 1944.

Adolfus J Antanaitis 668th Bombardment Squadron (L) Manchester, N. H.
31110809 S/Sgt

c. GO 114, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 24 Apr 1944.

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APC 140, U S Army,
 17 August 1944.

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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
 HENRY S HERR

O-694840
 13049337

1ST LT
 T/Sgt

Sacramento, Calif.
 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.

Headquarters
386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

JOE W KELLY

Eighth Oak Leaf Cluster
O-18731

COLONEL

Columbus, Ind.

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

Headquarters
97TH COMBAT BOMB WING (L)

ALVIN E HIXON

Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster
O-790836

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-623872, 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.

387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
556th 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 MADENFORD, 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) DONALD E BURNS, 39288631, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United

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Sect IV, GO 157, Hq IX Bomber Command, 17 August 1944, contd.

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

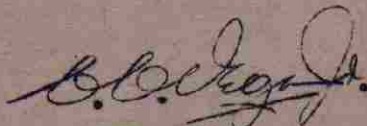
1. So much of Sect I, GO 119, Hq IX Bomber Command, dated 5 July 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to 1ST LT JOHN R WOOFER, O-750498, is rescinded.

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:

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

SECTION VIII

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bull. 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-4, (Bull. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in ETUSA Circular #56, dated 27 May 1944, 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 flights in the European Theater of Operations, they each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

	Headquarters		
Frank W Elliott	34589710	Sgt	Birmingham, Ala.
	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
JAMES H MONTROSE	0755994	2ND LT	San Francisco, Calif.
PAUL E. PARKER	0761620	2ND LT	Sacramento, Calif.
Kenneth G Lagerman	36807325	S/Sgt	Watertown, Wis.
James W Felkel	34655867	Sgt	Sumter, S.C.
Wilkie F Fuchrer	35694412	Sgt	Madison, Ind.
Arthur F Galloway	35631618	Sgt	Columbus, Ohio
Robert S Gandy	37512651	Sgt	Larceline, Mo.
Stanley Kochan, Jr.	33676699	Sgt	Bairdford, Pa.
John H Roberts, Jr.	34608707	Sgt	Asheville, N.C.
	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
DONALD L MOORE	0762123	2ND LT	Dallas, Texas.
	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
ROBERT F BYRNE	T-1597	F/C	Yuma, Arizona.

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 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. 9242-4, (Bull. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in ETUSA 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. GC 136, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 25 July 1944.

	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
JAMES K COLQUHITT	0755882	2ND LT	San Angelo, Tex.
FRANK W. HARRIS	0755337	2ND LT	Birmingham, Ala.

Calvin I Shaw	39206434	Sgt	Burlingame, Ind.
Harold G Wiggins	33631840	Sgt	Shelton, Wash.
Beverly R Wilson	32431699	Sgt	Richmond, Va.
		Sgt	Yonkers, N.Y.
<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			
WILLIAM H AMES	0733586	2ND LT	Houston, Texas.
DAVID L WITHINGTON	0750197	2ND LT	Honolulu, T.H.
Herman S Fessler	37553819	Sgt	Minneapolis, Minn.
Charles F Huss	36657820	Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Leo D McElhattan, Jr.	36735062	Sgt	Chicago, Ill.

Second Oak Leaf Clusterc. GO 302, Eighth Air Force, 24 April 1944.

Donald E Raines	35766101	S/Sgt	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			

d. GO 83, Hq. 1st Bomb. Div., 8 June 1944.

Ralph R Lowe	31600291	S/Sgt	High Point, N.C.
<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			

e. GO 136, Hq. IX Bombar Command, 26 July 1944.

Frank Meteriani	20318628	Sgt	Caracas, Pa.
James K Spadoni	39034142	Sgt	San Francisco, Calif.
<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			

REECE D ROBERTSON	0750851	2ND LT	Lovell, Wyo.
Joseph A Buskirk	12064124	Sgt	Sgt Buskirk is missing in action. Nearest of kin: Mrs. Veronica Buskirk (Wife) 535 Sterling Pl., New York, N.Y.

Leonard R Fleming	38529944	Sgt	Lallas, Texas.
Jamie E Hay	14142496	Sgt	Sgt Hay is missing in action. Nearest of kin: Mrs. Mattie Hay (Mother) Scottsdale, Ga.
<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			

Adam A Cianciosi	33168827	Sgt	Reading, Pa.
Melvin E Dias	39045638	Sgt	Richmond, Calif.
Henry J Nowosielski	33103439	Sgt	Miami, Fla.
<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			

f. GO 142, Hq. IX Bombar Command, 31 July 1944.

CHARLES J ANDERSEN	0145522	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
Philben G Eaga	12033862	Sgt	Haddon Heights, N.J.
Ernest L Schafer	37344082	Sgt	Wray, Colo.
<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			
Franklin F Basford	33592032	Sgt	Philadelphia, Pa.
Michael Beckach	32606803	Sgt	Dover, N.J.
Robert A Clark	12079247	Sgt	Amsterdam, N.Y.
<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			
Beverly R Wilson	32431699	Sgt	Yonkers, N.Y.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

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/s/ S. L. Farmenter
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1st Lt, Air Corps
Asst Adj General

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DONALD W. ELLIOTT	659th Bombardment Squadron 0755307	2nd LT	Richmond, Calif.
	Hq. IX Bomber Command, 31 July 1944.		
	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
CHARLES J. ANDERSEN	0445522	Sgt.	Haddon Mts, N.J.
Philbon G. Egan	12033862	Sgt.	Corpus Christi, Texas
J W Robinson	38366394	Sgt.	Wray, Colo.
Ernest L. Shaffer	37344092		
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Franklin P. Basford	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Michael Bookach	33592032	Sgt	Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert A. Clark	32605803	Sgt	Dover, N. J.
	12079217	Sgt	Amsterdam, N.Y.
ROBERT B. SINGLETARY	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
DAVID B. GRUNIG	01286911	1ST LT	Thomasville, Ga.
Miller R. Hall	0755330	2ND LT	Portales, N.M.
Lawrence J. Lehigh	37355197	Sgt	Canon, Colo.

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WILLIAM F TRIFF, JR
ANDRE J VIEGHELS
Donald F Lallory
DOUGLAS T SOMMERS

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0807540
0750488
17912006
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
0750707

2ND LT
2ND LT
2ND LT
S/Sgt
2ND LT

Dedham, Mass.
Detroit, Mich.
Theadford, Nebr.

This is a posthumous
award. Next of kin:
Mr Dan T Sommers (Father)
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<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
ARTHUR B HERMAN	0813699	2ND LT
JAMES H MILLER	0750427	2ND LT
THOMAS J MURRAY	0752432	2ND LT
Julius Galender	12201433	S/Sgt
Raymond J Jones	13112659	S/Sgt
Robert G Schrom	33596455	S/Sgt
Hefley J Wilds	37115854	S/Sgt
James C Young	35711942	S/Sgt

Bridgeport, Conn.
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Dayton, Ohio.

Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster

o. GO 122, Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 NEIL G BROWN 0669854 1ST LT Linden, Florida

r. GO 141, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944.
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 WARREN FORMA 0749633 1ST LT New York, N.Y.
 JOHN T BECK 0760152 2ND LT Ruleville, Miss.

s. GO 95, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 5 June 1944.
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Howard J Sylva 31158432 S/Sgt Plymouth, Mass.

t. GO 107, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Ralph C Hoffman 17026379 S/Sgt Robbinsdale, Minn.

Seventh Oak Leaf Cluster

u. GO 72, War Department, 26 October 1943.
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 RICHARD B PRENTISS 0739200 C/PT Burlington, Ver.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 PETER DONTAS 0806236 1ST LT Lt Dontas is Missing
 in action. Next of kin:
 Mrs Raymond Boyd, (Sis-
 ter) 829 S. 2nd W.St.,
 Salt Lake City, Utah.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 PAUL G ATKINSON, JR 025973 1ST LT Norristown, Pa.
 ALFRED H LAMTBY 0747669 1ST LT Hastings, Fla.

v. GO 121, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Victor F Adams 35048327 S/Sgt Cleveland, Ohio.

w. GO 110, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 JAMES MADENFORD 0681755 2ND LT Bristol, Va.

x. GO 111, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 WILLARD H LAND 0634357 1ST LT Redessa, Ia.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 THOMAS J LEONARD 0747830 1ST LT Chicago, Ill.
 James C McKee 14047810 S/Sgt Atlanta, Ga.

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By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

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

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 /s/ S. L. Farmerter
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 1st Lt, Air Corps,
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Third Oak Leaf Cluster

g. GO 131, Hq. NW African Air Force, 9 Nov 1943.
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Francis L. Flacks 16041786 S/Sgt Detroit, Mich.
 h. GO 107, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Donald E. Burns 39288631 Sgt South Gate, Calif.
 i. GO 136, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 25 July 1944.
 Raymond E. Wright 38154863 Sgt
 Sgt Wright is missing in action. Next of Kin: Mrs. Bertha Wright (Mother) Box 82, Eagletown, Okla.

Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

j. GO 6, Hq. Eighth Air Force, 15 Jan 1943.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Homer W. Perkins 18032511 Pvt Tulsa, Okla.
 k. GO 146, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 25 May 1944.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)
 ROBERT J. HANLON 0749843 2ND LT New York, N.Y.
 l. GO 156, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 4 June 1944.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 JOHN G. NAPIER 0431478 MAJOR Scottsville, Ky.
 m. GO 95, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 5 June 1944.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Robert J. Mahoney 37478736 S/Sgt Omaha, Nebr.
 n. GO 107, Hq. IX Bomber Command, 13 June 1944.
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 CHARLES C. NISH 0753399 1ST LT Lawrenceville, Va.
 ROBERT E. SVEINSON 0752453 2ND LT Cleveland Hts., Chic.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

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CHARLES L MC CLOM	0806288	1ST LT	Houston, Texas.
<u>Ninth Oak Leaf Cluster</u>			
<u>ac. GO 33. Hq. VII Air Support Command. 1 Oct 1943.</u>			
<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>			
HILLARY F COLE	0860245	1ST LT	Tyndall, S.D.
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	<u>ad. GO 80, Hq, Fifth Air Force, 8 May 1943.</u>	
	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
S P Newell	<u>1/014441</u>	S/Sgt Bushnell, Fla.
	<u>ae. GO 107, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 20 April 1944.</u>	
	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
Ralph L Stobert	<u>6896370</u>	S/Sgt Brakenridge, Pa.
	<u>af. GO 114, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944.</u>	
	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
Jack S. Brown	<u>2145000</u>	S/Sgt

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Eighth Oak Leaf Cluster

v. GO 117, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944.

ARTHUR E CSECRNE	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Chicago, Ill.
	0684403 1ST LT	
Francis P Glynn	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Fall River, Mass.
	31201629 S/Sgt	

z. GO 117, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944.

GUSTAVE ERENSTEIN	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	New York, N.Y.
	0797403 1ST LT	
EARL E DE MUN	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Wayland, N.Y.
	0800017 1ST LT	
ROBERT J MORTON	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Forest Park, Ill.
	0671682 1ST LT	
Jeong S Wing	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Greenville, Miss.
	18158622 S/Sgt	
CHESTER R JACKSON	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Philadelphia, Pa.
	0736226 C/PT	
JOHN F HILLERMAN	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Tulsa, Okla.
	0805457 1ST LT	
ANTHONY R DURANTE	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Providence, R.I.
	025963 1ST LT	
MICHAEL ZUBON	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	New York, N.Y.
	026075 1ST LT	
Benjamin G Fandre	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Wausau, Wis.
	36815235 S/Sgt	
Clyde W Middleton	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Neodesha, Kan.
	17100579 S/Sgt	
Reuben J Troyer	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Kokomo, Ind.
	15059054 S/Sgt	

aa. GO 122, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944.

ROBERT G MEREDITH	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Helena, Mont.
	0717854 1ST LT	
JOSEPH S CONNOR	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	New York, N.Y.
	0885558 1ST LT	
MARION S STREET	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Loyall, Ky.
	026323 1ST LT	
WILLIAM J GREENE	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Langley Field, Va.
	026092 1ST LT	
ARTHUR W NOLSTROM	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Chicago, Ill.
	0684399 1ST LT	
Fred D Allred	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Milton, Ind.
	35562809 S/Sgt	
HAROLD ANDREWS, JR	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	Auburn Me.
	0799707 1ST LT	

ab. GO 121, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944.

ag. GO 117, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944.

Elpidio A. Danico	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u> 13110544	S/Sgt	Meadville, Pa.
TONNIS BOUKAMP	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u> 026182	1ST LT	Fort Huron, Mich.
William E Fields	35339996	S/Sgt	S/Sgt Fields is Missing in action. Nearest of Kin: Mrs W E Field (wife) 1313 Polk St., Fort Wayne, Ind.

	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
LIVERN A MARZOLF	0747852	1ST LT	Ridley Park, Pa.
George M Cook	38435713	S/Sgt	Palestine, Texas.
Ernest R Warley	33117664	S/Sgt	Palmerton, Pa.
	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Marvin R Bryan	12204359	S/Sgt	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Paul B Driskill	38341351	S/Sgt	Avoca, Texas.
C D Evans	18133280	S/Sgt	Krebs, Okla.
Joseph D Gossett	34446849	S/Sgt	Atlanta, Ga.

ah. GO 122, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944.

	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
WAYNE E DOWNING	0661726	1ST LT	Longmont, Colo.
	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Allen J Zeikus	31145592	S/Sgt	Windsor, Conn.

ai. GO 141, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 28 May 1944.

	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Italo R DeGiusti	38190462	S/Sgt	Tulsa, Okla.

Eleventh Cak Leaf Cluster

aj. GO 29, Hq. Antilles Air Command, 13 July 1943.

	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Jeon R L Tanner	6562842	T/Sgt	Bakersfield, Calif.

ak. GO 114, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944.

	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
William G Ferguson	36058773	S/Sgt	Urbana, Ill.
	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Howard E White	20452199	S/Sgt	Meridian, Miss.

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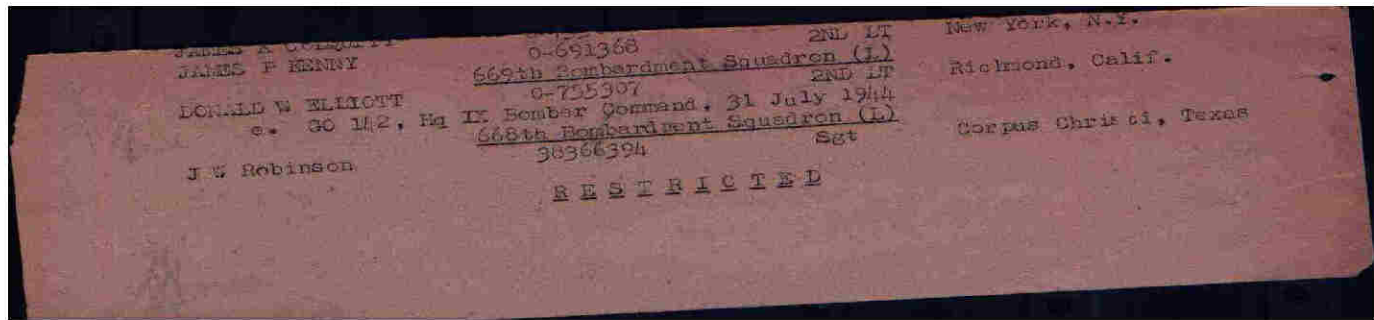
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Asst Adj General.

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SECTION III: AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

SECTION III

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, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named individuals:

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ag. CHARLES W VEASEY, 14153481. 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 Moultrie, Georgia.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ah. JOSEPH R SPARLING, JR., O-800606, SECOND LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 12 August 1944, while serving as Pilot of an A-20 airplane. Entered military service from Tampa, Florida.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS,
Brig Gen, U S A,
Chief of Staff.

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/s/ C. C. Vega, Jr.,
/t/ C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt. Col., A. C.,
Adjutant General.

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FRANK M. HOPPE,
1st Lt., Air Corps.

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<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
THOMAS D. C. MC CREADY	0-755378	2ND LT
Frank Naifeh	38688921	S/Sgt
Winifred E Lemonds	37607000	Sgt
<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Marine W Cheney	17121760	S/Sgt
Glenn E Reiter	33574293	Sgt
<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Joseph F Goggin	17166442	T/Sgt
James A Hummer	33634280	Sgt
<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
JOHN C GARY	0-755317	2ND LT
Robert W Cheuvrent	33363284	Sgt
Alfred E Schoen	32719391	Sgt

Butte, Montana
Sapulpa, Okla.
Kennett, Mo.

Pittsburg, Kansas
Sykesville, Pa.

Junction City, Kans.
Arlington, Va.

Glendale, Calif.
Aliquippa, Pa.
Yonkers, N.Y.

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 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 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.

SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER

a. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 23 April 1944		
<u>416th Bombardment Group (L)</u>		
THEODORE R AYLESWORTH	0-22629	LT COL
b. GO 123, Hq Fifteenth Air Force, 11 May 1944		
<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Dale A Sampson	37123760	S/Sgt
c. GO 125, Hq IX Bomber Command, 12 July 1944		
<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
Daniel M Brown	35514148	Sgt
d. GO 136, Hq IX Bomber Command, 25 July 1944		
<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>		
	0-255882	2ND LT

Mansfield, Pa.

Alma, S. Dak.

Lakewood, Ohio

San Angelo, Texas

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ROBERT D. SINGLETARY	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)		
DAVID D. GRUNIG	O-12-6911	1ST LT	Thomasville, Ga.
Willard Hall	O-7-5390	2ND LT	Portales, N.M.
Calvin L. Shaw	37355197	Sgt	Isola, Colo.
Harold S. Higgins	39206434	Sgt	Shelton, Wash.
	33631860	Sgt	Richmond, Va.

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WILLIAM H AMES	671st Bombardment Squadron (L)	0-753536	2ND LT	Houston, Texas
DAVID L SITHINGTON		0-750497	2ND LT	Honolulu, T.H.
Herman S Fessler		37559819	Sgt	Minneapolis, Minn.
Charles F Huss		36657820	Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Leo D McElhattan, Jr.		36735062	Sgt	Chicago, Ill.

THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER

f. GO 302, Eighth Air Force, 24 April 1944

Donald E Raines	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	35766101	S/Sgt	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
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g. GO 123, Hq Fifteenth Air Force, 11 May 1944

Dale A Sampson	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)	37123768	S/Sgt	Alma, S. Dakota.
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h. GO 124, Hq IX Bomber Command, 11 July 1944

COLEMAN L ESTES	671st Bombardment Squadron (L)	0-750359	2ND LT	Orange, Calif.
Chester R Orvold		34352978	S/Sgt	Madison, Wis.
Arthur E DiMartino		11067177	Sgt	Medford, Mass.

i. GO 136, Hq IX Bomber Command, 25 July 1944

Charles Fetko, Jr.	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	33466434	Sgt	Kingston, Pa.
Frank Moteriani		20318528	Sgt	Coraopolis, Pa.
James K Spedoni		39034142	Sgt	San Francisco, Calif.

Leonard R Fleming	669th Bombardment Squadron (L)	38529914	Sgt	Dallas, Texas
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Adam A Cianciosi	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)	33168327	Sgt	Reading, Pa.
Melvin E Dias		39015638	Sgt	Richmond, Calif.
Henry J Nowosielski		33103439	Sgt	Miami, Fla.

j. GO 142, Hq IX Bomber Command, 31 July 1944

CHARLES J ANDERSEN	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	0-443522	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
Philben G Euge		12033362	Sgt	Haddon Hts., N.J.
Ernest L Schafer		37514082	Sgt	Wray, Colorado.

FOURTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

k. GO 124, Hq Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944

STUART M NIXON	671st Bombardment Squadron (L)	0-671357	CAPT	San Antonio, Texas
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l. GO 97, Hq IX Bomber Command, 7 June 1944

William J Daniel	679th Bombardment Squadron (L)	13191411	Sgt	Pittsburg, Pa.
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m. GO 107, Hq IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944

Alvin D Garrett	671st Bombardment Squadron (L)	34349222	S/Sgt	Fiedmont, S.C.
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n. GO 124, Hq IX Bomber Command, 11 July 1944

Chester R Orvold	671st Bombardment Squadron (L)	34352978	S/Sgt	Madison, Wis.
Arthur E DiMartino		11067177	Sgt	Medford, Mass.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C. C. Vega, Jr.
C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt Col., MC,
Adjutant General.

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

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Captain, A Corps.

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WILLARD H LAND
THOMAS J HEGNAID

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
0-384357 1ST LT
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
0-747890 1ST LT

Redessa, Ia.
Chicago, Ill.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

OFFICIAL: /s/ C. C. Vega, Jr.
C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt Col., AC,
Adjutant General.

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S. J. HEGNAID
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RICHARD F. ENLAWER

W. GO 122, Hq

16th Bombardment Group (I)

5-25866

1ST LT

Albuquerque, N.M.

Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944

670th Bombardment Squadron (I)

5-26984

1ST LT

Linden, Florida

671st Bombardment Squadron (I)

5-80630

1ST LT

Wichita, Kansas

WILLIAM A. MERCHANT

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SECTION IV

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 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 19'2), as amended by Executive Order No. 9212-1, (Bull. 19, WD 19'2), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in DTUSA 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.

SIXTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

c. GO 107, Hq Ninth Air Force, 20 April 1944	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
ROBERT F PRICE	O-31508	1ST LT
		Valley Chapel, W. Va.
p. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
ARVID R HAND	O-718066	1ST LT
		Hempstead, Texas
q. GO 122, Hq Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944	671st Bombardment Squadron (L)	
HENRY T ARRINGTON	O-719808	1ST LT
		Pensacola, Fla.
r. GO 141, Hq Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944	669th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
JOSEPH KUHNS	O-718012	1ST LT
ROBERT J MCQUADE	O-719916	1ST LT
	671st Bombardment Squadron (L)	
ROBERT J BASNETT	O-719745	1ST LT
		Webb City, Mo.
s. GO 156, Hq Ninth Air Force, 4 June 1944	668th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
Daniel R Schenck	39303275	S/Sgt
		Molalla, Ore.
t. GO 95, Hq IX Bomber Command, 5 June 1944	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
Lucio Martinez	39291156	Sgt
		Las Vegas, Nev.
u. GO 107, Hq IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944	669th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
Frank E Melchior	36271322	S/Sgt
Constantine Vafiadis	12159036	S/Sgt
	670th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
Eugene F faules	33505590	Sgt
		Dover, Pa.

SEVENTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944

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x. GO 141, Hq Ninth Air Force, 18 May 1944	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
FRANCIS H BUESHEL	0-749712	1ST LT Whitman, Mass.
y. GO 146, Hq Ninth Air Force, 23 May 1944	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
JACK J BURG	0-743756	2ND LT Florissant, Mo.
z. GO 156, Hq Ninth Air Force, 4 June 1944	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
Kenneth E Hornbeck	12040278	S/Sgt Kingston, N.Y.
Everette Shelton	6397532	S/Sgt Liberty, N.C.
	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
Glenn I Fleishmann	19060630	S/Sgt Evanston, Ill.
Howard C Rodgers	35055981	S/Sgt Berea, Ohio
James E Van Dyne, Jr.	32562907	S/Sgt Caldwell, N.J.
aa. GO 95, Hq IX Bomber Command, 5 June 1944	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
Howard J Sylva	31158132	S/Sgt Plymouth, Mass.
ab. GO 107, Hq IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
Eugene R Fawles	33505590	Sgt Dover, Pa.
<u>EIGHTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER</u>		
ac. GO 72, War Department, 28 October 1943	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
RICHARD B BRUNTISS	0-789200	CAPT Burlington, Ver.
ad. GO 114, Hq Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
ROBERT H SMITH	0-663194	1ST LT San Francisco, Calif.
ae. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944	<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
GERALD M MCNUITY	0-886006	CAPT Fainesville, Ohio
JOSEPH F MACHER	0-749487	1ST LT Gilbert, Ill.
Atha A Hill	18083312	S/Sgt Greggton, Texas
Robert W MacDonald	15097168	S/Sgt Springfield, Mo.
	<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
PATRICK F E MACMANUS, JR.	0-671671	1ST LT Raymondville, Texas
WILFRED C SIGGS	0-747906	1ST LT Pontiac, Mich.
Charlie L Webb	34075097	S/Sgt Jackson, Miss.
	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
DAVID A HULSE	0-736223	CAPT Sacramento, Calif.
FRANK J HAROLD	0-25934	1ST LT Atlantic City, N.J.
HUGH A MONROE	0-749489	1ST LT San Francisco, Calif.
Ralph Eutsler, Jr.	38463862	S/Sgt Bartlesville, Okla.
	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
Franklin R Chvatal	35512546	S/Sgt Cleveland, Ohio
Henry A Lampka	6981171	S/Sgt High Falls, N.Y.
af. GO 122, Hq Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
RALPH SCOTE	0-749333	1ST LT Paterson, N.J.
LEONARD R MCBRIDE,	0-747810	1ST LT Laurel, Miss.
	<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
RICHARD E GREENLEY	0-806059	1ST LT Cairo, Ill.
Clifford J Harp	15331655	S/Sgt Evansville, Ind.
ag. GO 124, Hq Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944	<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
ROBERT H JOOST	0-866678	1ST LT San Francisco, Calif.
Victor P Adams	35046327	S/Sgt Cleveland, Ohio

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 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 1912), as amended by Executive Order No. 9212-A, (Bull. 19, WD 1912), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in ETOLSA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1914, 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.

NINTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

ai. GO 114, Hq Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Francis P Glynn	31201629	S/Sgt	Fall River, Mass.
aj. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944			
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
GUSTAVE ERENSTEIN	0-797803	1ST LT	New York, N.Y.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
MEREDITH J HUFF	0-736220	CAPT	Jennings, Kansas
ROBERT L BEHLMER	0-684213	1ST LT	Napoleon, Ind.
Roger W Nicks	18137153	S/Sgt	Corsicana, Texas
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
CHESTER R JACKSON	0-736226	CAPT	Philadelphia, Pa.
ROBERT S RULISTILL	0-797911	CAPT	Haines City, Fla.
JOHN F HILLERMAN	0-853157	1ST LT	Tulsa, Okla.
Robert L Miller	18163122	S/Sgt	Fryer, Okla.
Steve Risko	16038620	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)			
ANTHONY R DURANTE	0-25963	1ST LT	Providence, R.I.
RONALD D PERKINS	0-717885	1ST LT	San Francisco, Calif.
RICHARD V WHEELER	0-26098	1ST LT	Salem, Mass.
Howard C Worden	19011087	S/Sgt	Reedsport, Ore.
ak. GO 122, Hq Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944			
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
LUTHER E HILL	0-806064	1ST LT	Richmond, Calif.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
JOSEPH S CONNOR	0-885558	1ST LT	New York, N.Y.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
ARTHUR W NOBLESTROM	0-681399	1ST LT	Chicago, Ill.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)			
Joseph J Rzepka	16111188	S/Sgt	Detroit, Mich.
al. GO 124, Hq Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944			
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
CHARLES L MCGLOTHN	0-806283	1ST LT	Houston, Texas

ELEVENTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

am. GO 114, Hq Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

John R Orr	17023300	S/Sgt	Leoti, Kansas
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
Nathan Radlich	36309328	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
Albert J Bonano	32697658	S/Sgt	New York, N.Y.
an. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944			
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)			
Leo G Robbins	6072552	T/Sgt	Rochester, N.Y.
Earl R Judd, Jr.	39318083	S/Sgt	Molalla, Ore.
Joseph E McCreery	11119210	S/Sgt	Nashville, Tenn.

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Joseph L Czech	16028239	S/Sgt	Chicago, Ill.
Keith L Johnson	16021559	S/Sgt	Chippewa Falls, Wis.

TWELFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER

ao. GO 11, Hq Twelfth Air Force, 1 January 1943
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Robert K Riley 12025199 S/Sgt Elkland, Pa.
 ap. GO 114, Hq Ninth Air Force, 25 April 1944
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 William C Ferguson 36058773 S/Sgt Urbana, Ill.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 Howard E White 20452199 S/Sgt Meridian, Miss.

3. 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 118th Bombardment Group (L), are 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. 9222-A, (Bull. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in ETOUSA Circular #55, 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 156, Hq Ninth Air Force, 4 June 1944
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 JACKSON C SEWELL 0-797725 2ND LT Denton, ME.
 b. GO 107, Hq IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 CHARLES C MISH 0-753399 1ST LT Lawrenceville, Va.
 ROBERT R SVENSON 0-752153 2ND LT Cleveland Hts., Ohio
 Roy F Chustz 18139562 S/Sgt Lakeland, La.
 Claude J Clark, Jr. 18015318 S/Sgt Globe, Arizona.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
 JACK F SMITH 0-750471 2ND LT Rock Wood, Tenn.
 WILLIAM F TRIFF, JR. 0-807540 2ND LT Dedham, Mass.
 Donald F Mallory 17012006 S/Sgt Thedford, Neb.
 James O Scott 37652615 S/Sgt Des Moines, Iowa.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)
 ROBERT W YORK 0-750750 1ST LT Chicago, Ill.
 FLOYD HENDERSON 0-750386 2ND LT Omaha, Neb.
 Lewis A Ashton 33161270 S/Sgt Lanville, Pa.
 Delbert H DeBower 17112186 S/Sgt Allison, Iowa.
 Julius Galender 12204433 S/Sgt Montclair, N.J.
 Raymond J Jones 13112659 S/Sgt Philadelphia, Pa.
 Robert G. Schrom 33590155 S/Sgt Coatesville, Pa.
 Harley J Wilds 37115854 S/Sgt Blountstown, Fla.
 James O Young 35711712 S/Sgt Dayton, Ohio

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ G. C. Vega Jr
 C. C. VEGA JR,
 Lt Col., AC,
 Adjutant General.

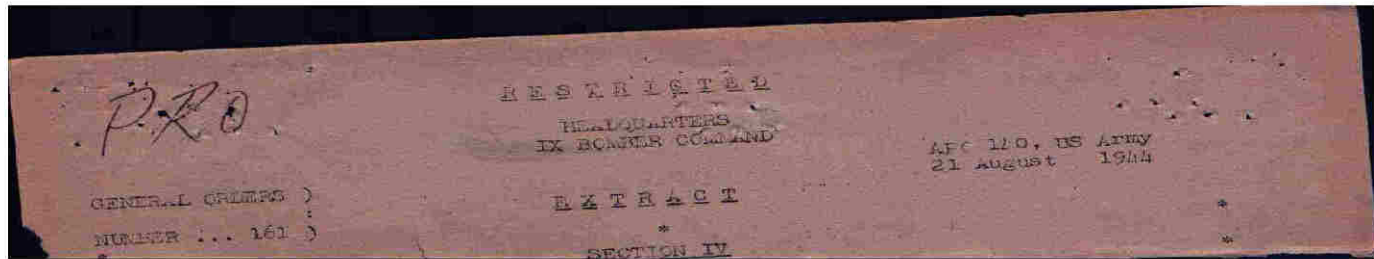
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 Brig Gen., USA,
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William J Kelly	669th Bombardment Squadron (L)	
Sterling F Alden	6261719	T/Sgt
Robert L Ballinger	11100558	S/Sgt
Foster M Citty	36185081	S/Sgt
	38119728	S/Sgt
	621st Bomb	

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21 August 1944

SECTION IV

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 410th Bombardment Group (1), are awarded the SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER, in lieu of the tenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9138, (Bull. 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9212-A, (Bull. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in ETOUSA circular # 36, 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 107, Hq Ninth Air Force, 20 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (1)
 Harold E Hedrick 14165008 S/Sgt High Point, N.C.
 669th Bombardment Squadron (1)
 Everett T Apps 38340646 S/Sgt Phillips, Texas

b. GO 114, Hq Ninth Air Force, 26 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (1)
 Fred L Adair 37498495 S/Sgt Rushville, Mo.
 Carl F Love 34443283 S/Sgt Opelika, Ala.
 669th Bombardment Squadron (1)
 Harvey E Kelton 18060588 S/Sgt Edna, Texas

c. GO 117, Hq Ninth Air Force, 28 April 1944
668th Bombardment Squadron (1)
 John A Rejes, Jr. 13039715 S/Sgt Irwin, Pa.
 669th Bombardment Squadron (1)
 Charles A Frindle 37115838 S/Sgt Waterloo, Iowa.
 John I Rogers, Jr. 13116554 S/Sgt Luzerne, Pa.
 Morton Rosenstein 12181906 S/Sgt Newark, N.J.
670th Bombardment Squadron (1)
 Paul B Driskill 38341351 S/Sgt Avoca, Texas
 O. D. Evans 18133280 S/Sgt Krebs, Okla.
 Joseph D Bossett 34446849 S/Sgt Atlanta, Ga.
 John W Moran 16038462 S/Sgt Chicago, Ill.
 Joseph C Swafford, Jr. 17127295 S/Sgt Kansas City, Kan.
671st Bombardment Squadron (1)
 LAVERN A MARZOLF 0-747852 1ST LT Ridley Park, Pa.
 Keith L Johnson 16021559 S/Sgt Chippewa Falls, Wis.
 Louis G Kutzer 13005388 S/Sgt Latrobe, Pa.
 Robert H Linneman 18126073 S/Sgt Philadelphia, Pa.
 Vincent N Sherry 32143331 S/Sgt Rochester, N.Y.
 Ernest R Varley 33117664 S/Sgt Palmerton, Pa.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDBERG,
Sgt., USA,

HEADQUARTERS
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SECTION III: AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS.

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SECTION II

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

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116TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

w. WARREN FORMA, 0749633, FIRST LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 8 August 1944, while serving as Bombardier-Navigator on an A-20 airplane. Entered military service from New York, N.Y.

x. ROBERT D LESHNER, 0684361, FIRST LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 31 July 1944 while serving as Pilot of an A-20 airplane. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

y. ARTHUR E OSBORNE, 0684403, FIRST LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 8 August 1944, while serving as Pilot of an A-20 airplane. Entered military service from Chicago, Ill.

By command of Brigadier General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS,
Brig Gen, U S A,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL: /s/ C. C. Vega, Jr.,
/t/ C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt. Col., A. C.,
Adjutant General.

THIS IS A TRUE EXTRACT:

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

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In relinquishing command of the Ninth Air Force, which it has been my privilege and duty to have held some two years from its initial entry into combat, I cannot be blamed if my initial reaction is one of sincere personal regret. The unstinting loyalty and complete co-operation of every officer, man and woman of this command through the trials and tribulations of organization and training and the fortitude and inimitable determination with which the operations have been effected in my opinion constitutes a conspicuous contribution to the ultimate defeat of the enemy. Your devotion to the task at hand and the masterly execution thereof warrants the conviction that both were controlling factors in the initial successes attained in the invasion and will be so in subsequent achievements to come.

Thru Libya and Tunisia and now in Normandy, the individual and collective deeds of heroism and the arduous tasks of administration, planning and preparation all done faithfully are in keeping with the highest traditions of our Army and its Air Force.

I am proud of you and each of you can be justly proud. It has been a most esteemed official and individual right to have been your commander.

Good luck to you all.

/s/ L. H. Brereton,
/s/ L. H. BRERETON,
Lt. Gen., USA,
Commanding

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Frank M. Hoppe
FRANK M. HOPPE,
1st Lt., A.S.
Historical Officer.

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7 August 1944

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SUBJECT: COMMENDATION

TO : All Units, IX Bomber Command.

The receipt of the following letter from Lieutenant General Lewis H. Brereton, Commanding General Ninth Air Force, gives me deep satisfaction. I am proud that I have the great privilege of commanding units who so richly deserve General Brereton's commendation. I add my own congratulations for the skill, courage and hard work all units have exhibited during the past months. I request that particular pains be taken to the end that all ground crews will have knowledge of General Brereton's commendation and my own.

"1. The bombardment units of your command during the past busy and productive weeks have shown an exceedingly high degree of skill in destruction of enemy bridges. This skill in many cases has been brought to bear in the face of bad weather, enemy flak and enemy fighters only by a most commendable determination on the part of every crew member to reach and destroy his target. The present critical state of the German armies in Normandy, slowly strangling for want of supplies, is attributable to a very large degree to the work of all personnel of the Ninth Bomber Command.

"2. An outstanding mission was performed on 1 August 1944 when the 386th Bomb Group destroyed two assigned high priority bridges in one mission. These two, at Nogent-sur-Le Loire and at Goutard Pert Martneau, had never been attacked before and had become an integral part of the interdiction net designed to prevent all enemy rail movement through the Paris-Orleans Gap. Both bridges, each attacked by only a box of eighteen B-26's, were completely destroyed.

"3. All of your Groups have done excellent bombing on bridges and each deserves special commendation for it. Congratulations to your entire organization. It is my desire that this letter be brought to the attention of all members of your command and particularly to the ground crews who keep your airplanes fit to fly."

/s/ Samuel E. Anderson
/t/ SAMUEL E. ANDERSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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1st Lt., A.C.
Group Historical Officer.

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Exh #31-Aug 1944

AG 201.22 Op

APO 887
26 August 1944

SUBJECT: Message from His Majesty King George VI

TO : Commanding Generals:
US Strategic Air Forces in Europe
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1. The following message received by the Supreme Commander from His Majesty King George VI is quoted:

"To you, and to all in the Allied Expeditionary Force, I send my warmest congratulations on the glorious victories already gained in France. All my peoples will join me in thanking God for the outstanding success vouchsafed to Allied arms".

2. It is desired that the above message be published to all troops with the widest possible distribution.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

/s/ Richard P. Fisk,
/t/ RICHARD P. FISK,
Lt Colonel, AGD.,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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HQ US STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE, APO 633, US Army, 28 August 1944.

TO: See Distribution.

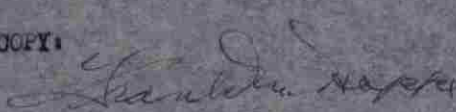
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By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

/s/ E.A. Mobley,
/t/ E.A. MOBLEY,
Lt Col., AGD.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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 Exh #32-Aug 1944
 AG 200.6 OpGA

APC 887
 24 Aug 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Participation Awards

TO : Commanding General, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe.

Paragraph 1a of letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 19 July 1944, as amended 1 August 1944, is further amended to include the units listed below, which are entitled to battle credit for participation in the campaign "Western Europe":

*** *** ***
 416th Bombardment Group (L), Ninth Air Force
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By command of General EISENHOWER:

THIS IS A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

George Schenkein
 GEORGE SCHENKEIN
 Captain, Air Corps.

/s/ R. B. Lovett
 /t/ R. B. LOVETT
 Brigadier General, USA
 Adjutant General.

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 HEADQUARTERS, 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L), APO 140, U. S. Army, 30 August 1944.

TO: Commanding Officers, 668th Bomb Sq (L), APO #140, U. S. Army,
 669th Bomb Sq (L), APO #140, U. S. Army,
 670th Bomb Sq (L), APO #140, U. S. Army,
 671st Bomb Sq (L), APO #140, U. S. Army,
 199th Medical Disp (AVN), APO #140, U. S. Army,
 21st Weather Squadron, APO #140, U. S. Army,
 40th Mobile Comm Squadron, APO #140, U. S. Army,
 4th Combat Camera Unit, APO #140, U. S. Army.

1. Your attention is invited to basic communication.
2. All personnel who were assigned or attached on competent orders to the 416th Bombardment Group (L), between 6 June 1944 and 24 August 1944, are authorized to wear a battle star on the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel AYLESWORTH:

George Schenkein
 GEORGE SCHENKEIN
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

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Exhibit #33, Aug. 1944--Strike photos of the bombing
of Cissel bridge.

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Exh #33-A- Aug 1944

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 07/15273
TO CO 416TH BOMB GROUPS (L)

PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL BT

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM COMMANDING GENERAL, IX BOMBER COMMAND, QUOTE MY REQUEST THAT YOU ASSIGN THE 416TH BOMB GROUPS OF YOUR COMMAND TO ATTACK THE OISSEL BRIDGE WAS PROMPTED BY MY GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE GROUP'S ABILITY AND COURAGE. THE BOMBING OF THE BRIDGE ON 06 AUGUST FULLY JUSTIFIED MY CONFIDENCE. IN SPITE OF INTENSE OPPOSITION AT THE TARGET THE ACCURACY OF THE BOMBING WOULD REFLECT CREDIT ON A GROUP BOMBING ON A PRACTICE RANGE AS A RESULT A TROUBLESOME AND IMPORTANT TARGET WHICH HAD ALREADY COST IX BOMBER COMMAND FOUR AIRPLANES LOST AND MANY MORE DAMAGED WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY DESTROYED. PLEASE INFORM THE GROUP OF MY ADMIRATION FOR THE COURAGE AND BOMBING ACCURACY DISPLAYED. OISSEL WAS AN IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT SUPERBLY ACCOMPLISHED. ANDERSON UNQUOTE.

TO THIS COMMENDATION, I WISH TO ADD THAT I AM INDEED PROUD TO BE THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE WING IN WHICH THE 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) IS SUCH AN EFFICIENT AND OUTSTANDING MEMBER.

I DEEPLY REGRET THE LOSSES SUFFERED IN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S MISSION, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I WISH TO COMMEND YOU HIGHLY FOR THE SUPERB BOMBING ATTACKS CARRIED OUT AGAINST YESTERDAY'S TARGET, THE OISSEL BRIDGES, AND UPON THE COMPINGNE MARIGNY MARSHALLING YARDS ON 05 JULY 1944. YOUR DESTRUCTION OF THESE TARGETS WAS OF GREAT MILITARY VALUE AND IMPORTANCE.

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Exh 734-AMG 1944

FROM: COMBOMCOM IX 141645B
 TO: COMMANDING OFFICERS, ALL UNITS
 RESTRICTED BT

IX BC A-515-G THE FOLLOWING QUOTED MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME COMMANDER, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE: QUOTE ALLIED SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND AIRMEN:
 THROUGH YOUR COMBINED SKILL, VALOR AND FORTITUDE YOU HAVE CREATED IN FRANCE A FLEETING BUT DEFINITE OPPORTUNITY FOR A MAJOR ALLIED VICTORY. ONE WHOSE REALIZATION WILL MEAN NOTABLE PROGRESS TOWARD THE FINAL DOWNFALL OF OUR ENEMY. IN THE PAST, I HAVE, IN MOMENTS OF UNUSUAL SIGNIFICANCE, MADE SPECIAL APPEALS TO THE ALLIED FORCES IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO COMMAND. WITHOUT EXCEPTION THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN UNSTINTED AND THE RESULTS BEYOND MY EXPECTATIONS. BECAUSE THE VICTORY WE CAN NOW ACHIEVE IS INFINITELY GREATER THAN ANY IT HAS SO FAR BEEN POSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE WEST. AND BECAUSE THIS SPEEDY ACTION, I MAKE MY PRESENT APPEAL TO YOU MORE URGENT THAN EVER BEFORE. I REQUEST EVERY AIRMAN TO MAKE IT HIS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE ENEMY IS BLASTED UNCEASINGLY BY DAY AND BY NIGHT, AND IS DENIED SAFETY EITHER IN FIGHT OR IN FLIGHT. I REQUEST EVERY SAILOR TO MAKE SURE THAT NO PART OF THE HOSTILE FORCES CAN EITHER ESCAPE OR BE REINFORCED BY SEA, AND THAT OUR COMRADES ON THE LAND WANT NOTHING THAT GUNS AND SHIPS AND SHIPS COMPANIES CAN BRING TO THEM. I REQUEST EVERY SOLDIER TO GO FORWARD TO HIS ASSIGNED OBJECTIVE WITH THE DETERMINATION THAT THE ENEMY CAN SURVIVE ONLY THROUGH SURRENDER: LET NO FOOT OF GROUND ONCE GAINED BE RELINQUISHED NOR A SINGLE GERMAN ESCAPE THROUGH A LINE ONCE ESTABLISHED. WITH ALL OF US RESOLUTELY PERFORMING OUR SPECIAL TASKS WE CAN MAKE THIS WEEK A MOMENTOUS ONE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS WAR---A BRILLIANT AND FRUITFUL WEEK FOR US, A FATEFUL ONE FOR THE AMBITIOUS OF THE NAZI TYRANTS. SIGNED DWIGHT D EISENHOWER UNQUOTE.

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MONTH-END SUMMARY

As lightning-like ground thrusts through France enveloped many targets previously bombed in air assaults, Ninth Bomber Command Marauders and Havocs during the month of August aided in smashing trapped German armies and hampered their retreat by shattered rail and communication lines.

While the forces on the ground capitalized in spectacular fashion on the breaking up of enemy resistance on the Western Front, significance of the tactical bombing previous to and following D-Day became evident.

During this month, the importance of the bridge-busting assault of Seine and Loire river railway spans was evident. As the once powerful German army writhed in the trap between the two important rivers in western France, the medium and light bombers continued to wipe out rail targets further inland, turned on important road junctions in the immediate rear of the enemy and aided ground troops in annihilating remaining pockets of resistance.

As the month of August opened, the Marauders and Havocs finally shattered the last remaining railway crossings of the Seine and as the month closed they were slowing down the enemies attempts to withdraw from the fierce Allied assault by hitting ammunition and fuel dumps. During the month they joined with spectacular success in the break out of the Brest Peninsula, gave air support to the battle of the Falaise-Mortain gap, aided in the fall of Paris by cutting the German's supply lines and helped in the annihilation of the German Seventh Army trapped on the banks of the Seine River. In fact, everywhere that Allied arms had unprecedented success on the Western Front, formations of the Ninth's medium and light bombers gave close support.

During the month of August, the Ninth Bomber Command dispatched more than 8,500 sorties and sent more than 10,425 tons of bombs into enemy targets. In another phase of the month's operations, approximately 10 and a half million leaflets were dropped in pockets of enemy resistance, informing Nazi troops of the hopelessness of their situation and urging them to surrender. During the 31-day period, 27 Marauders and eight Havocs were lost.

But statistics of bomb figures and sorties do not reveal the story, for the success of tactical bombing does not depend on great bomb figures and large number of planes. It depends on getting the right number of planes, usually a small force, at the right place to hinder the enemy and make openings in his defenses for Allied attack.

In the opening week of August the bombers attacked 55 bridges, 20 by visual bombing and 13 by blind tactics with the aid of pathfinder planes when the targets were covered by clouds. Of these bridges, many of them important rail spans on the Seine and Loire rivers and in the Paris-Orleans Gap, 10 were destroyed, five were damaged and six had approaches and other installations damaged. Immense stores of ammunition and fuel were destroyed in six supply dumps in the same week. Two of these were bombed with pathfinder technique and all were well covered.

In the week between August 4 to 10, the medium and light bombers flew more sorties and dropped more tons than in any week since the one following D-day. More than 3,000 sorties were flown and more than 3,280 tons of bombs were released with substantial demoralizing effect on the enemy. In this week, 14 bridges were destroyed and 15 others suffered extensive damage that stopped all traffic.

Fuel and ammunition dumps were also hit with telling effects during the same week. Typical of these attacks was the one on the Le Lude ammunition dump. Prisoners

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of war, taken after the bombing of August 7, reported that it was exceptionally accurate and effective. Much of the 20,000 tons of shells and small arms ammunition, well dispersed throughout the forest were destroyed and many personnel killed. Prisoners said that it caused a serious setback to their operations. Six other ammunition and fuel dumps were bombed during this phase of the month's operations with telling effect.

The following week, from August 11 to 17, the bridge assault was continued with 11 of 14 bridges attacked being either destroyed or left impassable. At the same time, 22 highway bridges, 17 of which spanned the Risle River near the mouth of the Falaise-Mortain pocket, were hit with results ranging from demolished to badly damaged.

In the latter part of the month, from the 18th to the 24th, weather cut down the number of operations, but missions were flown on three of the seven days in spite of poor weather. Attacks were carried out on more fuel and ammunition dumps and troop concentrations with appreciable results.

As August neared its end with bridges blasted beyond repair by the rapidly retreating Germans, Raiders and Havocs carried out heavy attacks on troop concentrations, fuel and ammunition reserves. Most spectacular of these operations were two bombings on successive days of troops, tanks and vehicles at Rouen. Germans taken prisoner following the bombings reported that thousands of vehicles, waiting to be ferried across the Seine at that point, were destroyed by the Ninth Bomber Command's formations.

During the month, seven operations were carried out during darkness in night bombings of ammunition and fuel dumps and gun positions. Most of these missions were reported as successful and Raider crews, who have learned to bomb with comparative accuracy during darkness, reported seeing huge fires caused in several of the attacks.

As the month of August closed, it was evident that the tactical bombing in support of the advancing Allies will continue at the same or increased tempo as the armored forces near the German frontier.

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