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SECTION I: AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR
 SECTION II: AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
 SECTION III: AWARDS OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE
 DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43, WD, 1918), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named officers and enlisted ~~man~~ are awarded the SILVER STAR Decoration:

THOMAS B. HALL, O-19010, Colonel, Air Corps, Headquarters, 394th Bombardment Group (H). For gallantry in action while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 26 August 1944. On this date Col HALL led a formation of B-26 type aircraft in an attack on German troop concentrations along the banks of the Seine River. At the beginning of the attack the formation was subjected to intense, accurate enemy antiaircraft fire, which was concentrated on the formation led by Col HALL. Although heavy haze, dense battle smoke and intense enemy opposition greatly complicated bombing conditions, Col HALL gallantly led his formation through a barrage of enemy gun fire and his target was bombed with devastating effect. Col HALL's gallant and courageous leadership, and utter disregard of personal danger on this occasion, are symbolic of the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from New Mexico.

JOE M. WHITFIELD, O-793211, Lt Colonel (then Major), Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For gallantry in action while serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 11 April 1944. Lt Col WHITFIELD led the group in an attack on flying bomb installations in the Pas de Calais area when his aircraft sustained severe damage from the enemy gun fire. The concussive force of the burst painfully wounded the engineer-gunner and violently threw the nose of the plane upwards. Despite great dangers Lt Col WHITFIELD skillfully kept his aircraft on course and gallantly led the group over the target where direct hits were scored. Because his navigator was suffering from shock, Lt Col WHITFIELD navigated for himself and with excellent judgment, led the group away from the heavily defended area without further damage or injury to the formation. The gallant actions and determination demonstrated by Lt Col WHITFIELD on this date, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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THOMAS B. COX, O-669008, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 394th Bombardment Group (M). For gallantry in action on 3 November 1944. While serving as navigator of a B-26 type aircraft participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations, Lt COX displayed outstanding courage when he was painfully wounded by enemy antiaircraft fire just prior to the beginning of the attack. He refused to make known his wound and although suffering intense pain, Lt COX remained at his duties throughout the entire bomb run. His courage and deep devotion to duty insured the successful completion of the mission and enabled the formation to avoid serious damage. The gallant actions displayed by Lt COX in the face of great personal suffering reflect the highest credit upon himself and is an inspiring example to all Servicemen. Entered military service from Texas.

NICK J. MUSTARI, O-684388, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 386th Bombardment Group (M). For gallantry in action while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 16 August 1944. Participating in a ground support attack on an enemy installation on this date, Lt MUSTARI's aircraft was damaged by antiaircraft fire enroute to the target, which set fire to one of the engines. Flames enveloped the wing and shot forward from the radio compartment to the pilot's compartment, inflicting severe burns. Despite the pain of his wound and the danger of the fire, Lt MUSTARI disregarding personal safety left the formation, skillfully avoiding collision with the other aircraft. He maintained the control of the burning aircraft until the crew members had parachuted from the aircraft, and it was only then that Lt MUSTARI left his post to bail out. Lt MUSTARI's valiant attempts to control his plane and his gallant actions on this occasion brings high honor to himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

PHILIP G. SIMKINS, O-813964, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For gallantry in action while serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft participating in a bombardment mission over enemy territory on 12 October 1944. On this date Lt SIMKINS led an attack on enemy troop concentrations. When upon entering the bomb run he realized the formation leader had lost his course. His flight held their bombs and followed Lt SIMKINS over the correct target and achieved excellent results. The gallantry and determination displayed by Lt SIMKINS is exemplary of the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Lt SIMKINS is missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Philip G. Simkins (Wife), Portland, Oregon.

WARREN T. WARDENSKY, O-680343, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For gallantry in action while participating in aerial combat against the enemy as co-pilot of a B-26 type aircraft on 25 May 1944. In an attack on the Liege Railroad Bridge, this date, Lt WARDENSKY was painfully injured during the bomb run. Refusing medical attention at this crucial moment he remained at his controls and completed the bombing attack with devastating effect. Only after his aircraft was clear of the target did Lt WARDENSKY accept first aid. His gallant spirit and steadfast determination was instrumental in the success of the mission. Lt WARDENSKY's great courage and unselfish devotion to duty in the face of great pain and danger are in keeping with the best traditions of the military service of the United States. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

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craft opposition during the bomb run and one fragment went through the tunnel gunner's compartment. S/Sgt KISHLO demonstrated outstanding courage and fearless devotion to duty by remaining in this unprotected position as he watched for the bombs to be released. S/Sgt KISHLO noticed a bomb jammed on the bomb bay doors, and he quickly relayed the information to the pilot and enabled him to release the bomb in the target area, which destroyed an oil storage tank adjoining the target. His cool and confident actions on this occasion contributed in large measure to the success of the mission. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HARRY D. SQUIBB, JR, 33502814, Staff Sergeant, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For heroic and extraordinary achievement while serving as armorer gunner of an A-20 type aircraft on 29 September 1944. Enemy antiaircraft fire inflicted severe damage to S/Sgt SQUIBB's aircraft during the bombing run, and shortly thereafter the empennage of the aircraft suffered a crippling blast rendering it unstable. S/Sgt SQUIBB fully cognizant of the danger of the entire empennage tearing loose from the aircraft, removed his parachute harness and, entering the tunnel hatch, installed himself into the rearmost section of the fuselage. S/Sgt SQUIBB demonstrated a sacrificial singleness of purpose as he remained in the fuselage enabling the pilot to regain control of the plane and remain in level flight. S/Sgt SQUIBB was instrumental in the safe return of both aircraft and flying personnel. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HUGH A. MONROE, O-749489, Captain, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to December 1944. Serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft, Capt MONROE repeatedly contributed to the successful operations of his group in a large number of perilous combat missions. Despite adverse weather conditions, violent opposition and severe battle damage encountered throughout the course of these missions, Capt MONROE consistently exhibited outstanding aerial proficiency. The professional skill, devotion to duty, unusual leadership and outstanding pilotage demonstrated by Capt MONROE reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

MAXWELL W. ROMAN, O-421887, Lt Colonel, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Prov). For extraordinary achievement as pilot of a P-51 type aircraft dispatched on a weather reconnaissance mission on 21 July 1944. When the safety of his wingman was endangered by icy turbulent weather conditions, Lt Colonel ROMAN ordered him to turn back and continued on alone, fully aware that he would be subjected to both ground and air attack. He encountered heavy, accurate fire from enemy gun emplacements but continued notation of weather data while carrying on violent evasive action. As a result of Lt Colonel ROMAN's information, successful fighter missions were dispatched to desired target areas. By courageously continuing his mission despite adverse weather conditions and enemy antiaircraft fire, Lt Colonel ROMAN was instrumental in contributing to the aerial offensive against the enemy. Entered military service from Maryland.

SECTION III

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS awarded him by the War Department, a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded

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to the following-named officer, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. S, WD, 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department:

WARNER H. HUTCHINSON, O-440540, Major, Air Corps, 394th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement on 26 August 1944. Assigned the responsibility of leading his group against heavy concentrations of enemy troops attempting a large scale withdrawal across the Seine, Major HUTCHINSON was confronted with adverse weather conditions and intense accurate enemy antiaircraft fire which made precision bombing extremely difficult. Despite these distracting dangers, Major HUTCHINSON skillfully located the target and enabled the formation to drop its bombs with destructive force. His courageous and brilliant leadership resulted in the extensive destruction of enemy equipment. The marked aerial proficiency and unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Major HUTCHINSON in the face of extreme danger, reflect the highest credit both to himself and to the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

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Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:


C M SEEBACH
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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- SECTION I: AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
- SECTION II: AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (POST-HUMOUS)
- SECTION III: AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
- SECTION IV: AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, the following-named officer is awarded the SILVER STAR Decoration:

MATTHEW H. T. FERGUSON, O-409884, Captain, Air Corps, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For gallantry in action while serving as leader of a flight of B-26 type aircraft in an attack upon coastal gun installations on 6 June 1944. Descending through the cloud cover, the formation left him and Capt FERGUSON successfully bombed his objective alone. Immediately thereafter twenty-one Focke-Wolfe 190's attacked him, but demonstrating superior flying skill and steadfast determination, Capt FERGUSON enabled the gunners to destroy one of the enemy aircraft and successfully ward off other repeated attacks. By his extraordinary heroism, brilliant pilotage and distinctive devotion to duty Capt FERGUSON gallantly aided in the destruction of a vital enemy objective which hampered "D Day" landing forces. Entered military service from South Carolina.

SECTION II

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

WARREN L. DECKER, O-800487, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For heroic and extraordinary achievement while serving as deputy flight leader in a formation of A-24 type aircraft dispatched against the enemy on 20 October 1944. After he encountered engine trouble while descending through overcast, Lt DECKER instructed the crew to bail out as he courageously remained at the controls of his aircraft in an heroic effort to bring the aircraft under control. The turret gunner was unable to put on his parachute because of the violent whipping of the aircraft but without regard for his own life Lt DECKER remained at the controls and enabled the turret gunner to parachute to safety. The gallant courage and self sacrificing regard for the safety of his gunner evidenced by Lt DECKER reflects great

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distinction upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Next of Kin: Mrs. Charles H. Decker (Mother), Ossining, New York.

SECTION III

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

EDWARD L. PARKS, O-693076, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 6 October 1944. Serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft enroute to bomb a bridge supplying enemy forces in Holland, Lt PARKS distinguished himself when his aircraft encountered intense accurate enemy antiaircraft fire and suffered battle damage. Undeterred, in the face of intense danger, Lt PARKS brilliantly maintained his aircraft in position and released his bombs in a tight concentration on the objective with good results. Lt PARKS' efficiency as a pilot, and his courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

LESTER POMERANTZ, O-797065, Captain, Air Corps, 386th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 18 July 1944. Capt POMERANTZ led a formation of B-26 type aircraft in an attack against a railroad bridge in occupied France on this date. Taking efficient evasive action Capt POMERANTZ brought the formation safely through antiaircraft fire and proceeded to bomb the target. Rather than return over the same dangerous route, Capt POMERANTZ selected an alternate unbriefed route and led the formation safely back to base with no further opposition. The keen judgment, superior skill and devotion to duty evidenced by Capt POMERANTZ on this occasion were largely responsible for the successful completion of this mission and reflect great credit to himself and the United States Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ROY D. YINGLING, 38045066, Staff Sergeant, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as engineer gunner of a B-26 type aircraft on 6 June 1944. Dispatched on a low level mission to bomb bridges at Caen, the formation encountered accurate, heavy antiaircraft fire. Their bombs dropped on the target with excellent results and on the return flight S/Sgt YINGLING noted considerable activity on the ground from elements of two panzer divisions. S/Sgt YINGLING and the other gunners returned such accurate and intense fire, that a notable decrease in enemy opposition was evident. S/Sgt YINGLING'S courage, determination and accuracy with his guns while under enemy fire materially aided in the success of this attack. Entered military service from Texas.

JOSEPH M. SILK, O-23757, Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps, 394th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft against enemy fortified gun positions at Cherbourg, France. On 24 June 1944, bombing conditions were extremely adverse because a smoky haze covered the heavily defended objective, but Lt Col SILK fearlessly led his flight unswervingly to the target and enabled his flight to drop their

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WILLIAM J. ALEXANDER, O-750009, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as bombardier navigator in the lead aircraft of a box of A-20 type aircraft participating in an attack over Germany. On 23 December 1944, despite extremely adverse weather conditions, heavy ground fire and possible attack by enemy aircraft in the vicinity, Lt ALEXANDER without regard for his personal safety, directed his box on four bombing runs over the target to insure that their bombs would strike the target with the best possible results. By his coolness under fire, high technical proficiency and tenacity of purpose Lt ALEXANDER scored superior results on the target and contributed to the effort of our ground forces to overcome the enemy counter-offensive. Entered military service from California.

HOBERT E. CARTER, O-664522, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 25 December 1944. During a daylight attack against marshalling yards in enemy territory, Lt CARTER'S left engine ceased operating but he nevertheless elected to complete the mission. When smoke over the target area enveloped the objective completely, Lt CARTER disregarding the enemy gun fire, made a second and successful attack and released his bombs with telling effect. Alone and without escort, six ME-109's turned toward him, but as the turret opened fire, the enemy turned away. Lt CARTER'S coolness in the face of danger, his determination to destroy the target despite damage to his aircraft, heavy ground opposition, and the danger of being attacked by enemy planes are worthy of the highest praise and reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

ROBERT A. HOBBS, O-750139, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as lead bombardier navigator of a formation of A-20 type aircraft against the enemy on 23 December 1944. Despite adverse weather conditions, hostile ground fire and threatened by possible attack from enemy fighter aircraft, Lt HOBBS directed three bombing runs over the objective and released his bombs on the assigned target with excellent results. Lt HOBBS' courage, brilliant bombing technique and keen devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire contributed directly to the success of our ground forces in their drive to break an enemy counter-offensive and reflects the highest credit upon himself and to the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Colorado.

LOUIS NEWMARK, O-745045, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from May to December 1944. Lt NEWMARK served as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft on numerous combat missions against enemy installations in the face of adverse conditions including inclement weather, battle damage and heavy ground fire. Lt NEWMARK repeatedly demonstrated qualities of superior airmanship and courage of a high order and by his achievements, Lt NEWMARK made a valuable contribution to the successful bombing operations of his organization. Lt NEWMARK'S fortitude and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and to the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM J. VIHEREK, 31172138, Staff Sergeant, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as tunnel gunner of an A-20 type aircraft in the European Theater of Operations from May to November 1944.

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During this period S/Sgt VIHEREK participated in numerous bombing attacks against military objectives in France and Germany. When faced with enemy ground fire, S/Sgt VIHEREK exhibited outstanding courage and initiative and successfully returned their fire, made valuable observations of ground and sea activities, and took highly useful photographs of enemy installations. S/Sgt VIHEREK distinguished himself by outstanding airmanship, exemplary conduct and fidelity to duty which reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

JAMES MADENFORD, C-681755, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 4 August 1944. While serving as bombardier navigator of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched in an attack against the enemy, Lt MADENFORD'S aircraft encountered cumulus cloud cover and just before they reached the target, fixed heavy guns fired upon the formation and damaged Lt MADENFORD'S aircraft. Despite the damage to his aircraft and the strong enemy opposition, Lt MADENFORD remained at his bombsight and released his bombs with excellent results on his objective. The steadfast determination, calm courage and superior ability as bombardier navigator demonstrated by Lt MADENFORD on this occasion reflects high credit to himself and is worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JACK F. SMITH, C-750471, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft from May to December 1944. Dispatched on numerous and extremely difficult missions over German-occupied Europe, Lt SMITH repeatedly attacked and destroyed many vital enemy objectives despite adverse weather conditions and dangers involved on hazardous missions. Demonstrating calm judgment and superb pilotage when confronted by enemy antiaircraft fire, Lt SMITH distinguished himself by conspicuous aerial skill while participating in these vital attacks, and brings high credit to himself and to the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Tennessee.

ANDREW R. CLARK, C-494451, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Prov). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial weather reconnaissance missions over Continental Europe from November to December 1944. Repeatedly exposing himself alone or with a single wingman to attack by enemy antiaircraft fire or enemy aircraft, Lt CLARK unfailingly returned with accurate and complete descriptions of meteorological conditions in spite of adverse conditions. His superior technical knowledge of weather, skillful handling of his aircraft and courageous perseverance enabled Lt CLARK to complete these dangerous missions during this period. The invaluable information obtained by Lt CLARK has been instrumental to the success of numerous fighter and bomber operations. Entered military service from Michigan.

GEORGE T. DUTTON, 13033627, Technical Sergeant, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous day and night missions in the European Theater of Operations from March to December 1944. T/Sgt DUTTON, as radio operator gunner of a B-26 type aircraft, demonstrated exemplary conduct, fidelity, ingenuity and devotion to duty in an outstanding manner. During this period T/Sgt DUTTON contributed conspicuously to the success of the missions in which he participated and the

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skill and courage with which he executed his duties reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

LAWRENCE J. MC NALLY, 32451570, Technical Sergeant, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while serving as radio operator gunner of a B-26 type aircraft from September to December 1944 over enemy occupied territory. While participating in many day and night attacks over France and Germany, T/Sgt MC NALLY demonstrated superior ability, exceptional courage and skill throughout the course of hazardous missions, and repeatedly displayed a deep devotion to duty which contributed in large measure to the successful operations of his group. T/Sgt MC NALLY'S outstanding record reflects high credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from New Jersey.

ANTHONY J. CATALANO, 15329050, Staff Sergeant, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations against the enemy from September to December 1944. During the number of combat missions on which S/Sgt CATALANO served as tail gunner of a B-26 type aircraft he consistently demonstrated outstanding technical skill and perseverance. The quick thinking, sound judgment and devotion to duty which S/Sgt CATALANO evidenced in his manner of performance on these missions against heavily defended enemy installations were largely responsible for their successful completion, and are exemplary of the high traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Ohio.

HAROLD A. RAUB, 17067379, Staff Sergeant, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous day and night missions over occupied France and enemy territory from September 1943 to December 1944. On one occasion S/Sgt RAUB demonstrated calm courage and efficiency when the pilot and waist gunner were injured, he immediately administered first aid to the gunner and remained at his gun position. S/Sgt RAUB as engineer gunner distinguished himself by his outstanding airmanship, devotion to duty, initiative and daring, and greatly contributed to the success of the missions in which he participated. Entered military service from Iowa.

SECTION IV

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS awarded him per competent authority a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following-named officer, 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:

WARREN G. HARDING, O-663147, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Prov). For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight on weather reconnaissance missions in the European Theater of Operations from September to December 1944. Under hazardous weather conditions exposed to enemy gun fire and interception, Lt HARDING flying unescorted, or with single wingman, obtained invaluable meteorological information during this

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SECTION I

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

JOHN E. WILSON, 38312261, Staff Sergeant, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as gunner of an A-20 type aircraft, participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. During the period 4 March 1944 to 2 December 1944, S/Sgt Wilson flew in numerous hazardous missions over enemy-occupied Europe and constantly demonstrated outstanding airmanship, quick thinking, determination and aggressiveness which contributed in large measure to the successful accomplishment of the sorties. His exceptional judgment and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Florida.

By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

W W MILLARD
Colonel, GSC
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/s/ C M SEEBACH
/t/ C M SEEBACH
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

I certify this is a TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

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FRANK M. HOPPE,
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SECTION IV - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

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

WILLIAM J. GREENE, O-26092, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 25 December 1944, while serving as Pilot on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Langley Field, Va.

JESSIE W BRITT, O-1995932, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 25 December 1944, while serving as Bombardier-Navigator on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Lepanto, Ark.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

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

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C. G. Vega, Jr.
/t/ C. G. VEGA, JR.,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Adjutant General.

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

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SECTION IX

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 serial flights in the European Theater of Operations, they each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

<u>668th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
OTTO F JACOBSEN	O-409115 1ST LT AC Huron, S. D.
ROBERT E SWIFT	O-712234 2ND LT AC Wichita, Kan.
WYSON H BLOUNT	T-124666 F/O AC Greenville, N.C.
Harold I Gooch	34802610 Sgt AC Florence, Ala.
<u>669th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
ADOLPHUS S CAILLAIN	O-445717 1ST LT AC Atlanta, Ga.
ROLAND E ENMAN	O-688592 2ND LT AC Westborough, Mass.
EMILE C MARTIN	O-759484 2ND LT AC Santa Rosa, Calif.
ROY W VAN ROPE	O-760929 2ND LT AC San Diego, Calif.
Charles J Kruger	14093806 Sgt AC Rahway, N.J.
Leo B Dreft	36422403 Cpl AC Muskegon, Mich.
<u>670th Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
WILLIAM R HEINCE	O-670538 1ST LT AC Winamac, Ind.
Joseph Ottaviano	11053204 S/Sgt AC Mendon, Mass.
Spencer R Caudell	14081171 Sgt AC High Point, N.C.
<u>671st Bombardment Squadron (L)</u>	
JAMES E KIRNS	O-723801 2ND LT AC Akron, Ohio
Dominic J Rio	13067285 S/Sgt AC Phila, Pa.

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 serial flights in the European Theater of Operations, they each having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

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a. GO 185, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 19 Sep 44
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
DALE G ACKERSON O-708906 1ST LT AC Muskegon, Mich.

b. GO 12, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 9 Oct 44.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)
JOHN A BUSKIRK O-739723 1ST LT AC Los Angeles, Calif.
ROBERT C HANNA O-732466 1ST LT AC New York, N.Y.
Charles H Corbitt Jr 14061249 S/Cpt AC Union City, Tenn.

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GO 2, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 3 Jan 45

JOHN J CHAMBERS 668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
O-533025 2ND LT AC New York, N.Y.
GO 19, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 20 Oct 44.
Ashton Carter 669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
11014823 S/Sgt AC Manchester, N.H.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
THERON S ALBRITTT 0-737192 1ST LT AC Boonton, N.J.
Thomas A. Murphy 0-785045 1ST LT AC Wichita, Falls.
d. GO 32, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 21 Nov 44
Headquarters
COLLINS H FLEMING 0-411820 1ST LT AC Waukesha, Wis.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
JACK K CONNER 0-703376 2ND LT AC Huron, S.D.
Vincent F. Fair 33431476 Sgt AC Harmarville, Pa.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
OTTO R KOCH 0-750035 2ND LT AC Los Angeles, Calif.
Second Oak Leaf Cluster
GO 38, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 14 May 43
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
JESSIE W BRITT 0-1995932 2ND LT AC Iepanto, Ark.
GO 159, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 19 Aug 44
Headquarters
Frank W. Elliott 34589710 Sgt AC Birmingham, Ala.
GO 180, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 12 Sep 44
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
Daniel H Bentzler 36810076 S/Sgt AC Dodgeville, Wis.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
WILLIAM G BREWER 0-747573 2ND LT AC Lenoir, N. C.
GO 185, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 19 Sep 44
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
Willard E Arnett 15119202 S/Sgt AC Berea, Ky.
GO 12, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 9 Oct 44
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)
CLAUDE J BROWN 0-871872 1ST LT AC Cincinnati, Ohio
Charles H Corbitt Jr 14061249 S/Sgt AC Union City, Tenn.
GO 19, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 20 Oct 44
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)
HUGH M EVANS 0-730893 1ST LT AC Sioux Falls, S. D.
WILBUR L HALL 0-753349 1ST LT AC St. Louis, Mo.
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
EDWARD L MILLER 0-664638 1ST LT AC Eau Claire, Wis.
John F Mallow 37672406 S/Sgt AC Des Moines, Iowa
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
WAYNE MUSGROVE 0-765046 1ST LT AC Texarkana, Ark.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)
Harry R Davis 39124191 S/Sgt AC Santa Rosa, Calif.
GO 28, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 12 Nov 44
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
JOHN W KENOL 0-758184 1ST LT AC Schenectady, N.Y.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:
RICHARD C SANDERS,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C. C. Vega Jr I certify that this is a true
C. C. VEGA, JR.,
Lt Col., Air Corps,
Adjutant General. J. T. S. MORRIS
Major, Air Corps.

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SECTION IX

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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 (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.

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Third Oak Leaf Cluster

1. GO 151, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 21 Aug 44
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
Joseph F Goggin 17166442 T/Sgt AC Junction City, Kan.

Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster

m. GO 142, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 31 Jul 44
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
DAVID B GRUNIG 0-755330 1ST LT AC Portales, N.M.
n. GO 148, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 7 Aug 44
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)
Arnold J Burland 39208608 S/Sgt AC Seattle, Wash.
Kalen Heath 34176233 Sgt AC Stoneville, N. C.
o. GO 150, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 10 Aug 44
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)
Theodore Connery 37480228 S/Sgt AC Cody, Nebr.
p. GO 161, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 21 Aug 1944
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)
James A Hummer 33634280 S/Sgt AC Arlington, Va.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

OFFICIAL:

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

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

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

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APO 140, U.S. Army,
8 January 1945.

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SECTION I : AWARDS TO 98TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING (M)
 SECTION II : AWARDS TO 322ND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
 SECTION III : AWARDS TO 394TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
 SECTION IV : AWARDS TO 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded in General Order No. 59, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 24 November 1943, Captain GEORGE B WEAVER, JR., 0791260, Headquarters, 98th Combat Bombardment Wing (M), is 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 Hq, European T of Opns USA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, Captain WEAVER having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy. Entered military service from Fredonia, N.Y.

SECTION II

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 Hq, European T of Opns USA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, AIR MEDALS are awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 322nd Bombardment Group (M), 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.

449th Bombardment Squadron (M)

ROBERT H RICHARDSON	0412232	CAPT	AC	Martinsville, Va.
CHARLES J HYTEL	0734457	1ST LT	AC	Metuchen, N.J.
EUGENE P SCHWARTZ	0726831	1ST LT	AC	Detroit, Mich.
CLARENCE E DARNELL	0762196	2ND HF	AC	Rodeo, N.M.
WOODIE C CORNWELL, JR	0705331	2ND LT	AC	Smithville, Ga.
ROY J GIBSON	0715189	2ND LT	AC	St Louis, Mo.
CHARLES W HONHOLD, JR	0713446	2ND LT	AC	Sewickley, Pa.
FINIS M KELLEY	0781502	2ND LT	AC	Ft Worth, Texas.
LUNCFORD V MC DUGAID	0796409	2ND LT	AC	Bradenton, Fla.
GEORGE F LANTLY	01995984	2ND LT	AC	Camp Hill, Pa.
GEORGE L MINTICK	0781367	2ND LT	AC	Kansas City, Mo.
JOHN M MORRISON	0712202	2ND LT	AC	San Jose, Calif.

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GO 4, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 8 January 1945.

449th Bombardment Squadron (M)

JAMES E SMITH	0822833	2ND LT	AC	Evensville, Ind.
James S Rowell	14060700	S/Sgt	AC	Memphis, Tenn.

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 322nd Bombardment Group (M), are awarded the BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bill, 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, (Bill, 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in Hqs European T of Opns USA 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 39, Hq, Fifth Air Force.

449th Bombardment Squadron (M)

Hardy A Wall	14066281	Sgt	AC	Hoganville, Ga.
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b. GO 31, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division, 17 Nov 1944.

449th Bombardment Squadron (M)

HAROLD J BYE	0706123	2ND LT	AC	Wausau, Wisc.
FRANK I CLARK, JR	0696512	2ND LT	AC	Cedar Falls, Iowa.
WARREN LANGER	0705971	2ND LT	AC	Kenosha, Wisc.
MATTHEW LEWONOWSKI	0713491	2ND LT	AC	Chicago, Ill.
Royce A Woodward	11033476	S/Sgt	AC	Shreveport, La.
Rosten R DeFrates	36441438	S/Sgt	AC	Jacksonville, Ill.
David Jexler	35330303	Sgt	AC	Toledo, Ohio.
Peter J Cavezza	33430237	Sgt	AC	Lt Pleasant, Pa.
Edwin L Arceneaux	14096211	Sgt	AC	Metaire, La.

Second Oak Leaf Cluster

c. GO 107, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 18 June 1944.

449th Bombardment Squadron (M)

Benson N Foss	19055307	Sgt	AC	Great Falls, Montana.
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d. GO 3, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M)

449th Bombardment Squadron (M)

SAMUEL BLOCK	0750065	2ND LT	AC	Brooklyn, N.Y.
SVENN A NORSTROM	0824193	2ND LT	AC	Madden Heights, N.J.
Albert E Rotman	17100478	S/Sgt	AC	Cawker City, Kansas.

e. GO 22, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division, 25 Oct 1944.

449th Bombardment Squadron (M)

JOHN L LANE	0793788	1ST LT	AC	Jaban, Mass.
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GO 4, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 8 January 1945.

587th Bombardment Squadron (M) contd.

Myron E Schlafke 36289764 Sgt AC Marshfield, Wisc.

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 416th Bombardment Group (L), are awarded the BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bull. 25, 10 D 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 Hq European T of Opns USA 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 12, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division, 9 Oct 1944.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Walter J Brown 16063768 S/Sgt AC Chicago, Ill.

Eleventh Oak Leaf Cluster

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

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Francis G Falk 35621083 S/Sgt AC Columbus, Ohio.

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

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Charlie L Webb 34075097 S/Sgt AC Jackson, Miss.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Benjamin G Fandre 36815235 S/Sgt AC Wausau, Wisc.

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

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Chester W Maziasz 36177150 S/Sgt AC Detroit, Mich.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

Italo R DeGiusti 36190462 S/Sgt AC Tulsa, Okla.

e. GO 156, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 4 June 1944.

669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

Howard C Rodgers 35055981 S/Sgt AC Berea, Ohio.

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Twelfth Oak Leaf Cluster

f. GO 122, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 5 May 1944.
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

HAROLD D ANIMERS, JR 0799707 1ST LT AC Auburn, Me.

g. GO 124, Hq, Ninth Air Force, 6 May 1944.
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

CHARLES L MC CLOHN : 0806238 1ST LT AC Gulfport, Miss.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

RICHARD C SANDERS,
 Brig Gen, U S A,
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 Capt, Air Corps
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Exh #9-Jan '45-Cel Aylesworth pins the
Air Medal on Sgt Jim Fortner in snow-
storm on 6 January 1945.

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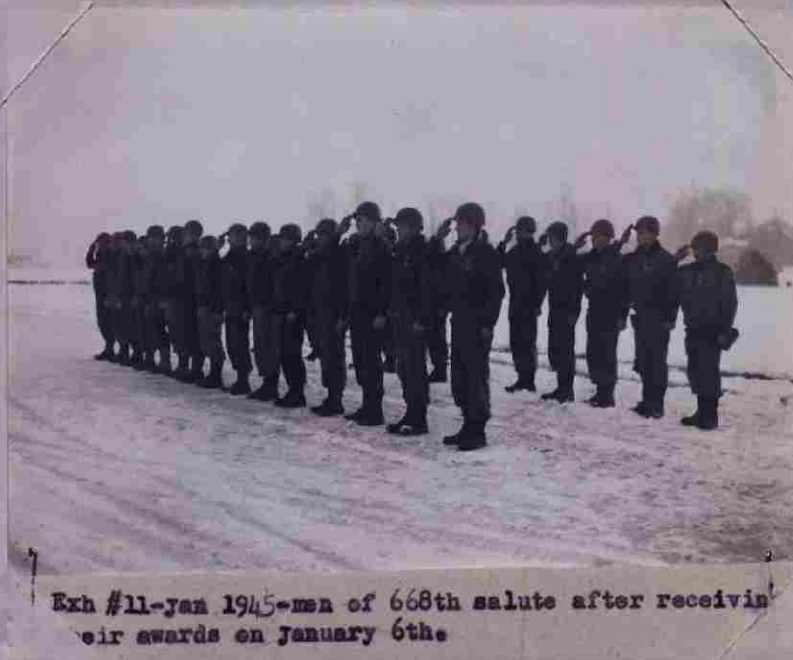
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Exh #10-Jan 45-Col Aylesworth is shown pinning Air Medals on men of the 668th Bomb Sq while Major Price looks on. Capt Haubrick is holding the Medals.

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Exh #11-jan 1945-men of 668th salute after receiving
their awards on January 6th.

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Exh #12-Jan '45-Lined up in front of the O.R., men of the 669th Bomb Sq receive their Air Medals and Purple Hearts from Col Ayleswerth. Capt Weismann, Sq Adjutant, stands by during the ceremony.

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Exh #13-Jan '45-Col Aylesworth pins the
Air Medal on Sgt McClain of 669th in
driving snow storm.

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Exh #14-Jan '45-Col Aylesworth pins Air Medals and
Purple Hearts on men of the 670th Bomb Sq on 6 Jc'

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17 January 1945.

Exh # 14A-Jan'45

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SECTION I**AWARD OF MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S BADGE**

1. FAC AR 600-81, 22 Sep 44 and upon recommendation of orgn comdr, fol-named M., orgns indicated, having passed aptitude test and standard driver's qualification tests sec FM 25-10, performed dy in an excellent manner for 3 mos or more as driver or asst driver of Army vehicle without accident or traffic violations, are hereby awarded the Badge for Qualification, Motor Vehicle Driver and bar for Driver of Wheeled Vehicles:

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a. 668th Bomb Sq (L)

Pfc Lawrence Alves	31 300 301	(345)
Pfc Lane G. Bales	38 457 769	(345)
Pfc John B. Popp	36 590 367	(345)
Pfc Edmond M. Rehmann	36 538 273	(345)

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b. 668th Bomb Sq (L)

Sgt Thomas M. Yarnell	35 267 950	(932)
Pfc Alvin C. Anderson	35 717 346	(055)
Pfc Elmer H. Beck	38 747 170	(932)
Pfc Robert G. Field	35 543 515	(345)
Pfc Hershel M. Gantt	38 480 496	(345)
Pfc Gordon L. Riffey	33 496 909	(345)

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c. 670th Bomb Sq (L)

Pfc Wesley M. Bullin	34 771 569	(345)
Pfc Robert L. Harm	37 725 679	(345)
Pfc James Womeck	34 602 339	(345)
Pvt Albert H. Dunn	34 358 752	(345)

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d. 671st Bomb Sq (L)

Sgt Leonard W. Ehrmann	15 066 599	(932)
Sgt Jewell F. Irvin	34 200 065	(932)
Sgt John P. Stinson	31 343 777	(932)
Pfc Derrell T. Ray	36 736 274	(345)
Pfc Alvin M. Ziebell	36 724 797	(345)

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GO #1, Hq, 416th Bomb Gp (L), dtd 17 Jan 45

c. 199th Medical Dispensary (Avn)

T/5 Charles E. Blackburn
Pfc Leslie C. Stratton

32 674 819 (345)
32 674 734 (345)

SECTION II

AWARD OF MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANIC'S BADGE

1. PAC 4R 600-81, 22 Sep 44 and upon recommendation of
organ comdr fol-named E. Organs indicated, having attained
skilled rating as automotive mechanic and having performed
duty for more than 3 consecutive mos as automotive mechanic,
2d echelon or higher in an excellent manner are hereby
awarded the Badge for Qualification, Motor Vehicle Mechanic
and bar of automotive mechanic:

a. 668th Bomb Sq (L)

S/Sgt Ross Salinbene 15 073 670 (014)
Sgt Gaetano Bilotti 32 870 832 (014)

b. 670th Bomb Sq (L)

S/Sgt George V. McElroy 34 349 156 (014)
Sgt Mike Backeroski 35 524 542 (014)

c. 671st Bomb Sq (L)

Sgt Jose S. Campos 39 566 775 (014)

By order of Colonel AYLES WORTH:

GEORGE SCHENKLEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Captain, Air Corps,
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Exh #17-Jan 45-The Sinzig railroad bridge remains standing, but the bombs severed the tracks approaching on 16 January.

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Exh #19-Jan 45-Reads in Schleiden are piled high with rubble after our attack on 24 January.

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