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I--SILVER STAR.-- 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 the authority delegated by the War Department, a SILVER STAR is awarded posthumously to the following-named officers:

LAWRENCE S. BAUBLITZ, O-675309, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For gallantry in action while serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft engaged in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 29 September 1944. Despite the hazards of flying through a heavy barrage of antiaircraft fire which rendered his right engine inoperative, Lt BAUBLITZ brilliantly continued his attack and released his bombs with devastating effect. Upon leaving the target he was compelled to leave the formation and head for an emergency landing field. As the aircraft became increasingly difficult to control Lt BAUBLITZ, thinking only of his crew's safety, ordered them to bail out when his remaining engine failed. The superior airmanship, valor, and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Lt BAUBLITZ on this occasion reflect the highest credit to himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces.

CARL H. REISTAD, O-755429, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For gallantry in action while serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft engaged in an attack upon a heavily defended fuel dump in France on 27 August 1944. Upon reaching the target area his aircraft was damaged by several bursts of antiaircraft fire but Lt REISTAD nevertheless released his bombs with excellent results on the objective. Returning from the target area his aircraft sustained a direct burst from enemy ground fire. Although his aircraft was so extensively damaged as to have warranted its immediate abandonment Lt REISTAD, thinking only of the safety of his crew, valiantly remained at the controls, keeping his aircraft in level flight to enable his crew to parachute to safety. By his gallant and self-sacrificing efforts to ensure the safety of his crew, his superior airmanship, and deep devotion to duty Lt REISTAD brought the highest distinction to himself and the Army Air Forces.

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II--SILVER STAR.--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 the authority delegated by the War Department, the SILVER STAR is awarded to the following-named officer now missing in action:

REAMER E. SEWELL JR, O-765733, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For gallantry in action in aerial flight against the enemy on 12 October 1944. While he was serving as lead bombardier of a formation of B-26 type aircraft in an attack against enemy troop concentrations in the vicinity of Bitche, France, Lt SEWELL distinguished himself when, in order to ensure the utmost precision in bombing the assigned objective, he skilfully persisted in executing a third and highly successful bombing run over the heavily defended target, after the first two runs had proved to be inaccurate. The superior airmanship and unusual perseverance which he exhibited on this occasion were largely responsible for the great success with which this vital objective was attacked, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces.

III--SILVER STAR.--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 SILVER STAR is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

JAMES K. BRANDEMIHL, 10955460, Technical Sergeant, 322nd Bombardment Group (M). For gallantry in action while serving as radio operator of a B-26 type aircraft on the night of 8 July 1944 in the Pas de Calais area. After two gunners had bailed out following extensive damage to the aircraft, T Sgt BRANDEMIHL remained gallantly at his post to operate his guns and drive off repeated fighter attacks. Although during the course of the engagement T Sgt BRANDEMIHL was painfully wounded, he nevertheless destroyed an enemy fighter which was methodically attacking his aircraft. The sound judgment, courage, and combat proficiency employed by T Sgt BRANDEMIHL in the face of intense opposition reflect great credit upon himself in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Montana.

MALCOLM G. EDWARDS, O-750021, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For gallantry in action while participating in a mission dispatched against a supply depot and troop concentrations in a heavily defended town in Germany on 2 December 1944. Prior to the bomb run the aircraft in which Lt EDWARDS was serving as bombardier sustained battle damage and shell fragments struck his compartment seriously wounding him. When the pathfinder aircraft informed him that because of mechanical failure it would be impossible to dispatch its bombs and that the responsibility of setting the bomb pattern devolved upon Lt EDWARDS, he immediately, despite his painful wound and the intensity of the antiaircraft fire, effected the necessary corrections to his own bombing data and released his bombs with excellent results. The Technical proficiency and unswerving devotion to duty displayed by Lt EDWARDS on this occasion were instrumental in ensuring the success of the mission and reflect the highest credit upon himself. Entered military service from North Carolina.

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by employing skilful flying technique Lt BABECKY completed his numerous missions with marked proficiency, and by his courage and skill he contibuted in large measure to the successful bombing operations of his organization. Entered military service from California.

EARL J. BASS, O-667915, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 25 December 1944. When intense heavy antiaircraft fire inflicted severe damage to his aircraft incapacitating one engine, Lt BASS courageously continued on to the objective and released his bombs on the target in a tight pattern across two road intersections and a number of buildings with great accuracy. After leaving the target, despite damage to his aircraft Lt BASS evaded another curtain of antiaircraft fire, and by his determination and technical skill succeeded in returning his badly damaged aircraft to base. Entered military service from Arkansas.

WALTER L. BATES, O-750062, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy as lead bombardier-navigator of a flight of A-20 type aircraft dispatched to bomb enemy installations in France on 14 September 1944. Fully cognizant of increased vulnerability to antiaircraft fire at low altitude, after three attempts to bomb the objective at the briefed altitude, Lt BATES demonstrating determination, courage, and superior technique successfully bombed the target and returned over the objective for a fifth time before completing his attack. His tenacity and superior airmanship in the face of adverse weather conditions and intense enemy fire on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

FRANK W. BAUERS, O-452030, Captain, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to November 1944. Capt BAUERS served with particular distinction as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft on numerous bombing missions during the pre-invasion aerial operations over the Continent and through the campaigns in Normandy and Northern France. During this period Capt BAUERS exhibited a high degree of professional skill, courage, and determination in the face of adverse weather and enemy antiaircraft fire which materially aided in the successful completion of many hazardous missions of great importance to the success of joint air-ground operations. Entered military service from Texas.

IRVING BINNEY, 32813178, Staff Sergeant, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as gunner of an A-20 type aircraft in numerous hazardous missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe from March to 19 November 1944. S/Sgt BINNEY particularly distinguished himself on 6 June 1944 by his alertness and expert use of his guns when, in a low-level attack on Serqueux, France, he fired approximately three-hundred and fifty rounds of ammunition into enemy troop concentrations and gun positions inflicting great damage to enemy equipment and personnel. By his accurate observations of important enemy installations as well as his outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty S/Sgt BINNEY contributed in large measure to the successful operations of his organization. Entered military service from New York.

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FRANK BOTHEL, 13048052, Private, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a tail gunner of a B-26 type aircraft in numerous day and night bombardment missions in the European Theater of Operations from March to December 1944. Demonstrating outstanding airmanship and technical skill Pvt BOTHEL unerringly gave his pilot alert observations as to accuracy and intensity of enemy antiaircraft fire, and the disposition of enemy aircraft, which enabled the pilot to plot an accurate course with appropriate evasive tactics, and he contributed in substantial degree to the success of many air-ground cooperation missions throughout the course of the campaigns in Western Europe. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

ALBERT S. BOWEN, O-749194, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched on light bombardment missions against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from April to December 1944. During this period Lt BOWEN's courage and aggressiveness demonstrated in the face of many obstacles in large measure contributed to the successful operations of his group. By his tireless efforts, proficiency, and determination on numerous and hazardous combat missions Lt BOWEN attained an outstanding record. His courage and leadership in the face of enemy fire and his efficiency despite unfavorable weather conditions throughout these numerous missions reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

JOHN BUCCHERI, 11088629, Staff Sergeant, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while serving as engineer gunner of a B-26 type aircraft from April to November 1944. Participating in numerous day and night missions in the European Theater of Operations S/Sgt BUCCHERI constantly displayed great technical proficiency and aerial skill in the course of many hazardous missions over Western Europe. The accuracy with which he returned the enemy's fire, despite stubborn resistance, is indicative of S/Sgt BUCCHERI's determination and technical skill. By his efficiency, outstanding airmanship, and devotion to duty he has contributed in large part to the success of his numerous missions which reflect high credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CHARLES H. BUCKEL, O-815647, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 25 December 1944. On the bomb run his aircraft sustained severe battle damage, rendering his right engine inoperative, but Lt BUCKEL nevertheless continued on to the target and released his bombs with telling effect. After leaving the target area his aircraft sustained damage to the remaining engine. With superior aerial proficiency and fortitude Lt BUCKEL successfully maintained his crippled aircraft until he reached friendly territory where his crew members were enabled to parachute to safety. His gallant actions on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

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FRANK T. BUMPUS, O-760031, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as lead bombardier-navigator of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched against a vital marshalling yard in Germany on 6 October 1944. With weather conditions extremely unfavorable Lt BUMPUS had entered upon his bomb run when his aircraft sustained severe damage from a burst of antiaircraft fire, fragments of which pierced the plexiglass nose and struck his bombsight. Immediately checking the damage Lt BUMPUS readjusted his bombsight and released his bombs upon the assigned objective with excellent results. His superior bombing technique, determination and technical skill while under enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

FREDERICK E. BUSH, O-792561, Captain, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from February to November 1944. While serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft during this period Capt BUSH repeatedly distinguished himself by fearless leadership and exceptional pilotage during numerous attacks upon heavily defended enemy installations. His intrepidity, courage, and devotion to duty in the face of inclement weather conditions and heavy enemy antiaircraft fire reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Alabama.

ELLIS S. BYERS, O-672029, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 323rd Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 23 December 1944. Displaying superior flying skill and steadfast determination Lt BYERS kept his aircraft in position, although a series of antiaircraft fire had severely damaged it, and continued in formation to bomb the objective with great effectiveness. Lt BYER's superior pilotage, technical proficiency and keen devotion to duty in completing the mission despite extensive damage to his aircraft are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces and reflect great credit upon himself. Entered military service from New Mexico.

HILARY P. COLE, O-660245, 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 October 1943 to December 1944. Capt COLE throughout the course of numerous difficult missions displayed unusual skill, courage, and determination while piloting an A-20 type aircraft in attacks upon enemy marshalling yards, gun emplacements, bridges and other installations. By his outstanding skill and perseverance when confronted with adverse weather conditions, heavy antiaircraft fire, or attack by enemy fighters, Capt COLE constantly exhibited unusual airmanship and devotion to duty in the execution of vital aerial operations throughout the course of the campaigns in Western Europe. Entered military service from Nebraska.

CHARLES A. DAVIDSON, 13006964, 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 November 1944. Serving as tail gunner of a B-26 type aircraft, T Sgt DAVIDSON constantly demonstrated exemplary technical skill and determination throughout the course of important missions over Western Europe. His outstanding aerial

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proficiency contributed conspicuously to the success of many missions in which he has participated. Despite adverse weather conditions and intense enemy opposition T Sgt DAVIDSON accomplished repairs vital to his aircraft when it received battle damage. The outstanding airmanship displayed by T Sgt DAVIDSON during this period reflects great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

DAVID G. DAVIS, O- 724596, Major, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched on a light bombardment mission over enemy occupied France on 7 July 1944. Despite heavy antiaircraft fire and poor visibility Maj DAVIS successfully destroyed an important enemy installation and the exceptional ability and technical skill displayed by Maj DAVIS' fearless leadership was highly instrumental in the successful completion of the vitally important attack. The courage and aerial proficiency exhibited by Maj DAVIS on this occasion reflect great distinction upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Washington.

JAMES K. DOZIER, O-803513, Captain, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as flight leader of a formation of A-20 type aircraft dispatched against a vital enemy installation in the European Theater of Operations. On 24 December 1944, surmounting extremely adverse weather conditions, Capt DOZIER reached his objective where he encountered an intense antiaircraft barrage. Although confronted by enemy ground fire and possible attack from enemy aircraft Lt DOZIER unhesitatingly effected two bomb runs over the objective to insure effectiveness. The excellent results which Capt DOZIER achieved are indicative of his determination, courage, and leadership and reflect high credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Louisiana.

ROY A. DUKE, O-743947, 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 from March to December 1944. Lt DUKE served with distinction as bombardier-navigator of a B-26 type aircraft on numerous combat missions against strongly defended enemy installations. Although unfavorable weather conditions and intense fire from antiaircraft installations presented great difficulties, by his superior airmanship Lt DUKE constantly guided his flights through these obstacles. The perseverance and technical skill evidenced by Lt DUKE during this period were largely responsible for the success of many missions and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

DALE G. DURKES, O-669258, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as navigator of a B-26 type aircraft dispatched against a target of vital importance on 12 June 1944. Lt DURKES navigated the formation to the assigned target but because of adverse weather conditions he led the formation to a point where a second bomb run was effected and, despite the unfavorable weather and heavy antiaircraft fire the bombs were dropped with excellent results. Lt DURKES' skilful leadership, and determination reflect high credit upon himself and

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the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

MAX EPSTEIN, O-750024, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement on 25 December 1944 while serving as lead bombardier-navigator of a large formation of A-20 type aircraft dispatched against a heavily defended enemy installation. Without regard either for hostile ground fire, possible attack from enemy aircraft sighted in the vicinity, or damage to his aircraft, Lt EPSTEIN gallantly led his formation over the target, releasing the bombs with devastating effect. His coolness under fire, courage, and superior bombing proficiency under adverse conditions resulted in the immobilization of a strategically important enemy installation. Entered military service from Illinois.

STANLEY E. EYBERT, O-690199, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 322nd Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight against the enemy while serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft from May to November 1944. During the course of numerous operations against the enemy in cooperation with the ground forces, Lt EYBERT displayed outstanding leadership, courage, and airmanship which was responsible for the aggressive and successful manner in which highly important enemy marshalling yards, bridges, and other vital installations were attacked throughout the course of the campaigns in Western Europe. His aggressiveness and determination despite unfavorable weather conditions and intense opposition from both enemy aircraft and ground installations reflect high credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

CHARLES V. GARINO, O-795588, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from April to December 1944. While serving as flight leader of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched on numerous light bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe Lt GARINO repeatedly demonstrated a high degree of aerial proficiency and tactical technique. During this extended period he consistently carried out his attacks against the enemy without regard for the odds against him to destroy the enemy. Lt GARINO's fighting spirit, intrepidity, and courageous conduct throughout this period reflect high credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

WILLIAM J. GREENE, O-26092, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 25 December 1944. As pilot of an A-26 type aircraft dispatched against a communication center through which enemy materiel was being routed Lt GREENE, leading an element to the target, encountered a barrage of heavy antiaircraft fire which severely damaged his aircraft. Despite the damage to his aircraft Lt GREENE continued flight and bombed the objective with superior results. After leaving the target his right engine became inoperative and another direct hit shattered his windshield, painfully wounding him. Undeterred by his painful wounds and the damaged condition of his aircraft Lt GREENE nevertheless succeeded in completing his mission. His actions on this occasion were in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military

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service from Idaho.

CHARLES W. GUSTAFSON, O-431281, Major, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 18 July 1944. While serving as formation leader of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched against enemy installations in France, Maj GUSTAFSON, despite a concentration of enemy anti-aircraft fire and adverse weather conditions, made four runs over the objective and bombed it with great effectiveness. The outstanding pilotage and aggressive leadership displayed by Maj GUSTAFSON on this occasion were in large measure responsible for the success of the mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

CLAUDE R. HAYES, O-792589, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations. On 26 August 1944 while he was serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft dispatched against an important enemy objective in France, Lt HAYES' aircraft sustained serious battle damage as his flight made its way toward the target. With one engine inoperative and the aileron controls completely shot away Lt HAYES tenaciously and skilfully remained in formation to bomb the objective with devastating results. The courage, determination, and superior flying skill demonstrated by Lt HAYES on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Kentucky.

ELMER C. HESSDORFER, O-751657, 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 on 24 December 1944. When confronted by heavy ground haze which made navigation difficult Lt HESSDORFER skilfully piloted his aircraft to the target area despite the danger from intense antiaircraft fire and attack by enemy fighter aircraft in the vicinity. Without regard for these hazards Lt HESSDORFER executed two bomb runs to insure the utmost accuracy and scored excellent results with his bombs. By his superior airmanship on this mission both in bombing and navigational technique Lt HESSDORFER brought high distinction to himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Washington.

HERBERT H. HILL, O-672811, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 323rd Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from February to December 1944. During this period Lt HILL served with distinction as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft dispatched on vital missions against enemy installations and on operations in conjunction with the ground forces. By his outstanding leadership and aerial proficiency Lt HILL constantly carried the battle to the enemy despite adverse weather conditions, antiaircraft fire, and attack from hostile aircraft. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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WILLIAM N. HINDS, O-806065, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft from April to December 1944. Demonstrating great perseverance and fortitude, with complete disregard for his safety Lt HINDS repeatedly carried out his attacks against the enemy. Despite adverse weather conditions and heavy antiaircraft fire Lt HINDS, by his outstanding airmanship and cool judgment, was instrumental in completing a large number of highly successful attacks. The professional skill, courage, and devotion to duty constantly exhibited by Lt HINDS are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from West Virginia.

DAVID A. HORNGREN, O-749246, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 28 May 1944. Serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft attacking a heavily defended radio station in enemy territory Lt HORNGREN assumed the lead position when his flight leader was shot down by enemy antiaircraft fire. He skilfully led the flight by employing evasive action through the heavily defended area and, with unerring accuracy, bombed the target with telling effect. Lt HORNGREN's superior pilotage and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Washington.

VICTOR E. JACOBS, O-732849, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 323rd Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 19 November 1944. While serving as bombardier of a B-26 type aircraft Lt JACOBS and his pilot elected to circle and bomb the object at lower altitude because of low cloud cover. Despite the fact that the danger from light and heavy antiaircraft fire was greatly increased at this lower altitude, Lt JACOBS, unable to make lengthy bombing corrections, directed the pilot to drop still further, and he dispatched his bombs with excellent results. The marked proficiency and courage displayed by Lt JACOBS in the face of great hazards reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Montana.

CARL H. JOHNSON, O-750030, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 323rd Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 19 May 1944. While he was serving as lead-bombardier of a B-26 type aircraft Lt JOHNSON's aircraft sustained battle damage to one engine and the main fuel tank as a result of an explosion from intense antiaircraft fire over Dieppe. Ignoring this damage and the dangerously heavy barrage that lay ahead, Lt JOHNSON courageously remained at his post and dropped his bombs successfully on the target. The marked proficiency, determination, and outstanding skill despite adverse weather conditions and enemy fire evidenced by Lt JOHNSON on this occasion, reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

GORDON G. JONES, O-750281, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as lead bombardier of an A-20 type aircraft in an attack upon a key road point in the area

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of the Ardennes Salient on 26 December 1944. When haze and smoke obscured the objective and prevented its identification of the first bomb run Lt JONES unhesitatingly effected a second run, despite intense antiaircraft fire. Although he was injured by anitiaircraft fire he nevertheless continued over the objective and dropped his bombs with telling effect. Immediately afterwards he skilfully guided the formation safely away from the target area. His superior airmanship and technical proficiency reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Maryland.

TAYLOR B. KESSLER, O-750033, 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 on 7 October 1944. While serving as lead bombardier of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched against a marshalling yard in enemy territory Lt KESSLER, disregarding concentrated ground fire and adverse weather conditions, continued his attack and bombed the objective with excellent results. Lt KESSLER's skilful airmanship and excellent bombing technique despite adverse conditions and heavy antiaircraft fire reflect great distinction upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

THOMAS H. KILLINGSWORTH, O-692165, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Prov). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in numerous weather reconnaissance missions over Continental Europe from November 1944 to January 1945. Despite extremely adverse weather conditions he repeatedly exposed himself alone or with a single wingman to constant attack from enemy antiaircraft installatior or fighter aircraft and he succeeded in obtaining accurate weather data of particular importance to the success of subsequent operations. Entered military service from Virginia.

JOHN KOLTHOFF, 19179030, Staff Sergeant, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 7 August 1944. While serving as bombardier of a B-26 type aircraft S Sgt KOLTHOFF participated in an important attack on Brest, France. His aircraft encountered intense antiaircraft fire and as it neared the objective it sustained serious battle damage. Although the pilot gave the order to assume bail-out stations S Sgt KOLTHOFF gallantly remained at his post until he could release his bombs. The skill and ability as well as his deep devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt KOLTHOFF are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

ELDON B. KREH, O-885998, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 10 October 1944. Although upon entering the bomb run Lt KREH's aircraft sustained heavy battle damage from enemy antiaircraft fire he nevertheless continued on to his target. Because of poor visibility and the proximity of friendly ground forces, Lt KREH withheld his bombs during the initial bombing run and despite the crippled condition of his aircraft he effected a second and successful bombing run, dropping his bombs on the objective with telling effect. With his right engine flaming and the left engine intermittently stopping Lt KREH, displaying outstanding airmanship and determination

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of purpose, then succeeded in piloting his crippled aircraft through extremely adverse weather conditions to effect an emergency landing in liberated territory. Entered military service from Michigan.

ELIOT L. LANDON, O-750036, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement on 23 December 1944, when in his capacity as bombardier-navigator, Lt LANDON led a formation of A-20 type aircraft on a successful bombing attack against an important enemy objective in Germany. Despite a heavy barrage of enemy ground fire and the possibility of attack from enemy aircraft Lt LANDON directed three bombing runs and by his navigational skill and excellent bombing technique the objective was attacked with excellent results. The calmness under fire and skilful airmanship evidenced by Lt LANDON on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

JOHN B. LELOKAS, 13056556, Staff Sergeant, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as engineer gunner of a B-26 type aircraft against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from February to September 1944. Although exposed to adverse weather conditions and heavy enemy gun fire in the completion of numerous missions against vitally important objectives, S Sgt LELOKAS constantly displayed great coolness and courage under enemy fire. Often ignoring great dangers and hazards to repair damage sustained by his aircraft S Sgt LELOKAS, with great determination, outstanding technical skill and deep devotion to duty overcame these obstacles and was instrumental in the success of the missions. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RAYMOND E. LEONARD, O-746958, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations. On 28 May 1944, while he was serving as lead-bombardier of a formation of B-26 type aircraft, Lt LEONARD's aircraft sustained extensive battle damage before and during the bomb run. Nevertheless Lt LEONARD released his bombs with great care and precision and scored direct hits on an important objective. His skilful bombing technique, determination, and unwavering devotion to duty reflect high credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from New Jersey.

WILLIAM B. MACKEN, O-678294, Captain, Air Corps, 323rd Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 9 September 1944. Capt MACKEN served as pilot and flight leader in an attack against a strongly defended installation at Nancy, France. Several bursts of antiaircraft fire severely damaged his aircraft and when his left engine failed he nevertheless succeeded in maintaining level flight during the bombing run to drop his bombs on the objective with devastating effect. Capt MACKEN's devotion to duty in completing the mission despite severe damage to his aircraft is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Georgia.

PATRICK F. E. MAC MANUS, O-671671, Captain, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight against the

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enemy as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft from March to November 1944. Demonstrating unusual skill and superior pilotage despite unfavorable weather, heavy antiaircraft fire, and possible attack from enemy fighter aircraft, Capt MAC MANUS constantly carried the battle to the enemy and destroyed many vital enemy objectives. His participation in the many missions throughout this period were in large measure responsible for the success of the operations of his group, and the outstanding aerial proficiency and technical skill which he displayed reflect great credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN E. MAHER, O-747848, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from April to December 1944. His unusual aerial proficiency while participating in aerial combat, despite inclement weather conditions and heavy antiaircraft fire from enemy gun emplacements, were instrumental in the success of the hazardous missions he undertook. With a brilliant display of flying skill and undaunted courage Lt MAHER constantly sought out his objective and carried the battle to the enemy. His superior aerial proficiency and unshakeable determination to press home his attacks in the face of great opposition reflect high distinction upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOSEPH J. MAY, O-418011, Major, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft dispatched against an important ammunition dump in occupied France on 16 August 1944. As the formation approached the target a barrage of heavy antiaircraft fire was encountered and on the first run the haze and partial cloud cover precluded bombing. Determined to destroy the target Maj MAY descended to a low altitude and led the formation on to bomb the objective on a second and successful run. By employing skilful evasive action Maj MAY then led the flight away from the target area without incident. His coolness and unwavering devotion to duty in successfully completing this most hazardous mission are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Montana.

LAVERN A. MARZOLF, O-747852, Captain, Air Corps, 410th 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. As a pilot of an A-20 type aircraft Capt MARZOLF distinguished himself by outstanding pilotage and brilliant leadership in the course of numerous missions undertaken in the face of great difficulties. During this period Capt MARZOLF demonstrated superior airmanship, aggressiveness, and a deep devotion to duty in completing vital missions against enemy installations and communications centers, and was instrumental in the successful execution of the operations of his group throughout the campaigns in Western Europe. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

MATTHEW J. MC KEEVER, O-22161, Lt Colonel, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 24 December

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cover forced the flight to descend to an extremely vulnerable altitude in order to attack the target effectively Lt SHUMATE, despite adverse weather conditions and intense antiaircraft fire, led the flight over the objective and by his skilful bombing and navigational ability all the bombs of his flight fell on the village and completely demolished the objective. His superior airmanship and courage on this occasion brought the highest credit to himself and his organization. Entered military service from North Carolina.

JOHN L. SLOAN, O-812320, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 25 December 1944. While he was serving as co-pilot of a B-26 type aircraft in a formation attacking heavily defended installations in Germany Lt SLOAN's aircraft was struck by a burst of antiaircraft fire which rendered his right engine inoperative and set it on fire. By exercising great flying skill he maintained his aircraft in level flight to drop his bombs on the objective. His aggressiveness, determined spirit, and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from South Carolina.

ROBERT H. SMITH, O-663194, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from October 1943 to December 1944. During this period outstanding aerial proficiency and brilliant leadership marked Lt SMITH's execution of numerous important missions against the enemy transportation systems, marshalling yards, pilotless aircraft sites, and other installations. Under extremely adverse weather conditions his superior pilotage and technical skill were important factors in the success of vital air-ground cooperation missions during the course of operations in Western Europe, and his outstanding achievement and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

LLOYD B. STANFIELD, O-668164, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from February to September 1944. While serving as pilot of a B-26 type aircraft during this period Lt STANFIELD distinguished himself by exceptional pilotage and outstanding leadership. Throughout the course of many hazardous missions against enemy installations, despite antiaircraft fire and attack from enemy fighters, he demonsrtated great skill and determination in the execution of bombing attacks upon marshalling yards and supply and communications centers. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lt STANFIELD brought high credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from South Carolina.

PAUL J. SWEARINGEN, 18115529, Technical Sergeant, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as engineer-gunner of a B-26 type aircraft in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from February to November 1944. During the course of numerous missions over enemy occupied Europe T/Sgt SWEARINGEN demonstrated coolness under enemy fire and exceptional skill which materially contributed to the aerial offensive against the enemy. The courageous spirit, technical skill,

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and outstanding airmanship reflect great distinction upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Texas.

EUGENE R. SQUIER, O-756317, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as co-pilot leading a formation of B-26 type aircraft on 8 July 1944. Dispatched on a mission to attack the Nantes railroad bridge, the formation encountered intense anti-aircraft fire on the bombing run, and both of his engines were critically damaged. Despite the continued and intensive enemy fire Lt SQUIER demonstrated outstanding aerial proficiency and technical skill and continued over the target to dispatch his bombs with great effectiveness. When one engine continued to lose power and it became evident that return to base was impossible, Lt SQUIER remained in the aircraft until the other crew members had safely left the plane. His unusual courage and airmanship displayed in the face of great danger reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

ROBERT G. TIRSCHEK, 17018279, Staff Sergeant, 386th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 25 March 1944. While he was serving as armored-gunner on a B-26 type aircraft returning from a successful bombing attack in enemy territory, S Sgt TIRSCHEK's aircraft was attacked by ten FW 190's and eight ME 109's. S Sgt TIRSCHEK continued an accurate stream of fire upon the enemy, aiding in keeping off the attackers until friendly fighter support appeared. His initiative, courage, and devotion to duty on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WILLIAM M. WALKER, O-435388, Captain, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations. On 7 October 1944 Capt WALKER served as flight leader of a formation of A-20 type aircraft attacking a marshalling yard in Germany. Although visibility was hampered by haze and smoke Capt WALKER, without regard for concentrated ground fire, coordinated his bombing run with the bombardier so effectively that the target was bombed with excellent results. Capt WALKER's outstanding airmanship and forceful leadership in the face of heavy enemy fire reflect high credit upon himself and are in keeping with the traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

WOODROW W. WARNER, O-693580, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 13 May 1944. While serving as co-pilot of a B-26 type aircraft dispatched against the heavily defended port of Dunkirk, Lt WARNER assumed control of the aircraft as the formation approached the objective. As Lt WARNER began the bomb run his aircraft suffered battle damage to his aileron controls and his left engine but he nevertheless maintained his position and continued on to drop his bombs with telling effect. The initiative and courage displayed by Lt WARNER on this occasion contributed in large measure to the successful operations of his flight. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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2. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS awarded by the Ninth Air Force to the following-named officer as published in General Orders No. 268, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 1944, a BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to him 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:

WADE F. LOWE, O-805506, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For heroic and extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 5 December 1944. When Lt LOWE's aircraft was severely damaged on the bomb run, he was unable to maintain altitude and was forced to fly at dangerously low level through unfavorable weather conditions. Since he was over allied lines he refused to jettison his bombload but he skilfully crash-landed in a clearing in a wood and, although he himself was seriously injured in the landing, his crew escaped unscathed. His courage, brilliant airmanship, and devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from North Carolina.

3. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS awarded by the Ninth Air Force to the following-named officer as published in General Orders No. 13, Headquarters, IX Bomber Command, 1944, a BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to him 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.

LAWRENCE P. O'BRIEN, O-732891, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as lead navigator of a B-26 type aircraft dispatched against a troop concentration in occupied France on 9 November 1944. Despite snow, sleet, and extremely limited visibility, Lt O'BRIEN succeeded in breaking through the overcast to relatively clearer skies and, employing dead reckoning, he skilfully led the formation successfully to bomb the objective visually through a rift in the clouds. The courage, determination, and skilful navigation which Lt O'BRIEN exhibited in the execution of this mission were instrumental in eliminating an important obstacle to the advance of the ground forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

4. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS awarded by the Ninth Air Force to the following-named onlisted man as published in General Orders No. 11, Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force, 1943, a BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to him 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:

ROBERT K. RILEY, 12025499, Staff Sergeant, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations from March to October 1944. Serving as gunner of an A-20 type aircraft S Sgt RILEY, by his determination and quick-thinking in reporting enemy antiaircraft fire to his pilot, was instrumental in guiding the aircraft through heavily defended target areas while by his outstanding technical proficiency he succeeded in warding off the repeated

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attacks from hostile aircraft. The outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty displayed by S Sgt RILEY reflect the highest credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

5. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS awarded by the Ninth Air Force to the following-named officer as published in General Orders No. 268, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 1944, a BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to him 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:

GEORGE M. SNYDER, O-664675, Captain, Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 5 October 1944. While he was leading an attack on an ammunition dump at Duren, Germany, his right engine became inoperative because of mechanical failure. Refusing to jettison his bombs on a city below, Capt SNYDER fought to clear the city before crash landing. With outstanding aerial proficiency and initiative Capt SNYDER successfully crash landed his aircraft without injury to the crew, although still carrying his bombs. The excellent judgement, courage, skill and perseverance exhibited by Capt SNYDER on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

6. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS awarded by the Ninth Air Force to the following-named officer as published in General Orders No. 170, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 1944, a BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to him 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:

ROY H. TURNQUIST, O-737500, Captain, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 8 October 1944. While he was serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft a burst of enemy anitiaircraft fire seriously incapacitated one engine of his plane. Despite the damage Capt TURNQUIST made two runs over the objective in the face of intense fire and dropped the bombs with telling effect. The courage and outstanding aerial proficiency displayed by Capt TURNQUIST on this occasion contributed to the success of an important mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

VIII--DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS (Second OAK-LEAF CLUSTER).--1. By direction of the President, in addition to the DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS awarded by the Ninth Air Force to the following-named officer as published in General Order No. 152, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 1944, a Second BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to him 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:

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GERALD E. WILLIAMS, O-81604, Colonel, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations on 31 July 1944. Col WILLIAMS led a formation of B-26 type aircraft on a hazardous mission to attack a heavily defended railroad bridge at Nantes. While enroute to the objective his aircraft sustained serious battle damage from antiaircraft fire. Displaying outstanding courage Col WILLIAMS skilfully retained control of his disabled aircraft and gallantly led his formation over the objective which was bombed with devastating effect. The outstanding leadership, determination, and aggressive spirit displayed by Col WILLIAMS on this occasion reflect high credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Maine.

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