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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M) C/GL/4

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27 March 1945.

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SECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Sec II, Bull 3, WD 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in Circular # 56, Hq European T of Opns USA, dated 27 May 1944, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named personnel, organizations indicated:

HEADQUARTERS, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

MORSE PECKHAM, O-2011223, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations.

322ND BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

MEREDITH MUNNS, O-1634170, Captain, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations.

HAROLD D HURLBUT, JR., O-715973, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations.

391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Kenneth G. Bodeker, 37294495, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from July 1944 to March 1945.

394TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Joseph C Langton, 14078836, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from May 1944 to February 1945.

397TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

William G McIntosh, 14062612, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from July to December 1944.

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Charles O Tuggle, 39244920, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1944 to March 1945.

409TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Jess A. Woodward, 15063111, Sergeant, Ordnance, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations.

410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Leonard W Thackrey, 16075629, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from May to August 1944.

SECTION II

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

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

a. Thomas W. Blake, 6947183, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 3 March 1945, while serving as radio-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Wilmington, N. C.

b. Robert L Loomis, 6667647, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 3 March 1945, while serving as engineer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

c. John N Strange, 18141009, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 3 March 1945, while serving as tail-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

323RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
453rd Bombardment Squadron (M)

d. Robert J. O'Keefe, 31287954, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 21 March 1945, while serving as armorer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a

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combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Springfield, Mass.

454th Bombardment Squadron (M)

e. Herbert L Little, 35404153, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 25 February 1945, while serving as engineer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Nelsonville, Ohio.

f. Fred J. Razook, 37503610, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 21 March 1945, while serving as armorer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

455th Bombardment Squadron (M)

g. JOHN J. BURSEK, O-781209, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 2 March 1945, while serving as co-pilot on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisc.

h. JAY N. HATFIELD, JR., O-713746, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 2 March 1945, while serving as pilot on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Denver, Colo.

i. James C. Christy, 34196367, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 25 March 1945, while serving as toggler on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Washington, Georgia.

j. Howard L Yeager, 33505435, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 2 March 1945, while serving as engineer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Montgomery, Ala.

456th Bombardment Squadron (M)

k. EDWARD J. COEL, T-132560, Flight Officer, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 25 March 1945, while serving as bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from McAllen, Texas.

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1. JAMES H. DAVIDSON, O-696558, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 21 March 1945, while serving as pilot on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Birmingham, Ala.

m. Lawrence A. Rothe, 18101698, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 10 February 1945, while serving as engineer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from D'Hinas, Texas.

n. James C. Spake, 34607094, Staff Sergeant Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 10 February 1945, while serving as engineer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Gastonia, N. C.

344TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
495th Bombardment Squadron (M)

o. LEO B. ARMSTRONG, O-2061134, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 14 March 1945, while serving as bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from McAlester, Okla.

496th Bombardment Squadron (M)

p. JAMES R CHELF, O-833894, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 14 March 1945, while serving as co-pilot on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Ft Wayne, Ind.

497th Bombardment Squadron (M)

q. VERNON G BRATTEN, JR., O-2066794, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 14 March 1945, while serving as co-pilot on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

r. Robert A. Jeffries, 35672486, Private, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 14 March 1945, while serving as engineer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Birmingham, Ala.

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386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

s. JUSTIN M. BINGHAM, O-665893, Major, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 23 December 1944, while serving as lead navigator on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Texas.

387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
557th Bombardment Squadron (M)

t. EDWIN F. BRINSON, O-751087, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 13 March 1945, while serving as pilot on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Douglas, Arizona.

u. MARSENE E. ADKISSON, O-783163, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 19 March 1945, while serving as bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

v. CALVIN A. KELLEY, O-783269, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 19 March 1945, while serving as bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Yucaipa, Calif.

w. George W. Ashworth, 35767515, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 18 March 1945, while serving as tail-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Charleston, W. Va.

559th Bombardment Squadron (M)

x. Dola N. Wilson, 14058598, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 13 March 1945, while serving as toggler on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Gaffney, S. C.

394TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
585th Bombardment Squadron (M)

y. Charles M. Skarupa, 35924773, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 March 1945, while serving as tail-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a

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combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

586th Bombardment Squadron (M)

z. George D. Walbridge, 37603995, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 22 March 1945, while serving as engineer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from St. Louis, Mo.

aa. ELMER J. COLWELL, JR., 0-703375, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 22 March 1945, while serving as bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

409TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
641st Bombardment Squadron (L)

ab. RAYMOND M. COLE, 0-371670, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 19 March 1945, while serving as bombardier on an A-20 aircraft on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Odessa, Texas.

ac. Roosevelt L. Guthrie, 7023564, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 22 March 1945, while serving as armorer-gunner on an A-26 aircraft on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Winston-Salem, N. C.

642nd Bombardment Squadron (L)

ad. Richard S. Blair, 1902712, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 22 March 1945, while serving as armorer-gunner on an A-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
645th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ae. Cleotis C. Dohse, 35576157, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 March 1945, while serving as tunnel-gunner on a A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Wabash, Ind.

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646th Bombardment Squadron (L)

af. John L. Sink, Jr., 34851001, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 21 March 1945, while serving as turret-gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Durham, N. C.

647th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ag. ALVA L. DUCKWALL, O-744976, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 13 March 1945, while serving as bombardier-navigator on an A-20 aircraft on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Manhattan, Kans.

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

ah. WESLEY D. CHITTY, JR., O-718867, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 18 March 1945, while serving as pilot of an A-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Bomberg, S. Carolina.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

ai. LAWRENCE W EDSTROM, O-759579, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 21 March 1945, while serving as pilot on an A-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military sergice from North Branch, Minn.

SECTION III

1. So much of par 1 s, Sec IV, GO 131, Hq, IX Bomber Command, dated 20 July 1944, as awards the fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to First Lieutenant FREAL C. KNOX, O-684353, is rescinded.

2. So much of par 1, Sect II, GO 115, Hq, IX Bomber Command, dated 29 June 1944, as awards the Air Medal to Sergeant Lawrence E. Parker, 37341420, is amended to read Second BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the Air Medal.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

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