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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (H)

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29 April 1945.

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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 contained in H. European T of Opns, USA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, a SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men.

a. Robert H. Pope, 39387380, Private First Class, Air Corps, Headquarters, 99th Combat Bombardment Wing (H). For heroism on 22 March 1945 after a gasoline explosion had occurred in a military kitchen. Although fully aware of the dangers involved, Private First Class Pope unhesitatingly hurried into the flaming kitchen and undertook the hazardous rescue of military and civilian personnel who were trapped in the blaze. Although painfully burned on his first attempt, Private First Class Pope returned to his heroic task and succeeded in removing two civilians to safety. The bravery and coolness displayed by Private First Class Pope during this emergency are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Albany, Oregon.

b. For heroism, 10 March 1945, to the below named enlisted men. When a fire broke out near a gasoline truck which was refilling jerrycans, and several cans of gasoline were set on fire, these individuals courageously commenced to extinguish the hazardous blaze. Despite the imminent danger of an explosion, one individual backed the gasoline truck away from the fire, while the two other enlisted men fought the blaze with small fire extinguishers. Not until the fire was completely extinguished, and the possibility of an explosion had been averted, did they desist from their heroic task. The outstanding courage and laudable presence of mind displayed by these individuals are in keeping with the high traditions of the United States Army Air Forces.

1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (H) (PROV)

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|----------------------|----------|-------|----|----------------|
| Frank E. Arcus, Jr.  | 14030266 | H/Sgt | AC | Tarbaro, H. J. |
| Philip J. Healey     | 6872936  | H/Sgt | AC | Roselle, M. J. |
| Wallace B. McQuillin | 15099602 | Pfc   | AC | Toledo, Ohio.  |

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c. Cletus V. Hinker, 36820684, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, 669th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For heroism while flying as gunner on a combat operational mission over Germany on 21 January 1945. When a 1000-pound bomb failed to drop on the target because of a faulty release mechanism, Staff Sergeant Hinker courageously entered the bomb bay. The heavy bomb had fallen on the bomb bay doors, forcing them ajar, and was rapidly becoming armed by the wind blowing on the arming vane. Despite the bitter cold, Staff Sergeant Hinker heroically safetied the dangerous bomb. Three of his fingers were frozen by the intense cold. As a result of Staff Sergeant Hinker's prompt and courageous action, his aircraft was able to land safely upon returning to base. Entered military service from Greenwood, Wisconsin.

SECTION II

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, Hc European T of Opns, USA, dated 27 May 1944, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted man, organization indicated: This is a posthumous award.

387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

James A. Carbonell, 39839998, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from February 1944 to January 1945.

SECTION III

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, Hc European T of Opns, USA, dated 27 May 1944, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men, organizations indicated.

386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

JEWELL C. MAXWELL, O-436524, Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from January to March 1945.

387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

GEORGE W. MORRIS, O-857377, Captain, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1943 to March 1945.

JOEL W. DE VALL, O-855737, Captain, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from January 1944 to March 1945.

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394TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Vincent J. Selkis, 32371138, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from October 1944 to March 1945.

410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Robert E. Schoos, 12209082, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from September 1944 to March 1945.

SECTION IV

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 Ops, USA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named individuals:

20TH STATION COMPLIMENT SQUADRON

a. Lawrence G. Morehouse, 12241416, Private First Class, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 28 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

323RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)455th Bombardment Squadron (H)

b. Thomas G. Kennon, 34729159, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 April 1945, while serving as radio-operator gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Memphis, Tenn.

c. Edward S. Tyskiewicz, 36368066, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 April 1945, while serving as armorer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Hamtramck, Mich.

386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

d. JOHN H. STRAND, JR., O-730988, Captain, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 21 March 1945, while on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minn.

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641st Bombardment Squadron (H)

e. LAURENCE F. ROMEL, O-712225, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 20 April 1945, while serving as bombardier-navigator on an A-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

640th Bombardment Squadron (H)

f. ALEXANDER R. CHAMBERS, O-766206, 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-navigator on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Perryville, Pa.

642nd Bombardment Squadron (L)

g. JERVIS D. JENS, O-703044, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 21 April 1945, while serving as bombardier-navigator on an A-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Gary, Indiana.

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

h. Walter C. Buckley, 33642160, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 16 April 1945, while serving as gunner on an A-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Fairfax, Va.

SECTION V

1. So much of par 2 b, Sec III, GO 54, H, 9th Bombardment Division (H), dated 7 April 1945, as awards the Purple Heart to Sergeant Jay F. Myers, 33442597, is revoked.

2. So much of Par 1, Sec I, GO 40, H, 9th Bombardment Division (H), dated 19 March 1945, as awards the Air Medal to the following named persons is revoked.

T/Sgt Walter L. Sikora, 6905600  
 S/Sgt Emmett Ramirez, 16085003  
 T/Sgt Daniel A. Koballa, 13012462

3. So much of par 1, GO 49, H, 9th Bombardment Division (H), 31 March 1945, as awards the Air Medal to S/Sgt Paul F. Scott, 16034112, is revoked.

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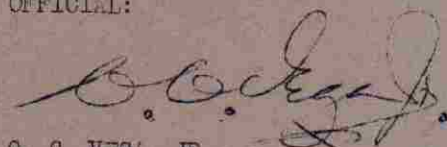
Sec V, GO 64, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), 29 April 1945.

4. So much of par 1 a, Sec I, GO 54, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), dated 7 April 1945, as reads: "until every member of the crew had been removed", is amended to read: "until every living member of the crew had been removed".

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

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

OFFICIAL:



C. C. VEGA, JR.,  
Lt Col, Air Corps,  
Adjutant General.

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