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

9TH WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (PROV)

James F. Nance, 34303033, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from June 1944 to January 1945.

1ST PATHFINDER SQUADRON (L) (PROVISIONAL)

David W. Smith, 15069145, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1944 to March 1945.

Richard E. Martin, 12041453, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from July 1944 to March 1945

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Kenneth A. Knowles, 31066336, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from September 1944 to March 1945.

387TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)

Dwight J. Hemphill, 37426731, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from December 1943 to May 1944.

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Eldon L, Keys, 19005228, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from May 1944 to January 1945.

Charles J. Olszewski, Jr., 33170128, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from June 1944 to February 1945.

Bernard F. Hellige, 37428967, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from October 1943 to April 1944.

Franklyn P. Fetzer, 37193431, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from June 1944 to February 1945

Stephen J. Haberski, 32389425, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from May 1944 to November 1944.

391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Carl W. Mehunt, 34352738, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from December 1944 to March 1945.

397TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Jack Templin, 33116735, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1944 to March 1945.

Michael A.Prendergast, 6193126, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from July 1944 to February 1945.

409TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

John J. Cotter, Jr., 13044685, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1944 to February 1945.

Richard L. Dietz, 35473306, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from July 1944 to March 1945.

J. B. Kee, 38163546, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1944 to March 1945.

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James L. Webster, 12186102, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1944 to March 1945.

Eldridge K. Johnston, 13118637, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1944 to March 1945.

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Raymond M. Slifko, 35024556, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations.

Charles S. Curtis, 38152239, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from March to September 1944.

Charles J. Deutscher, 38162476, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from March 1944 to March 1945

Orval T. Hagerman, 39606343, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from September 1944 to March 1945.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded in General Order No. 105, Hq, Ninth Air Force, dtd 20 April 1944, Technical Sergeant Robert A. Whisner, 35626730, 344th Bombardment Group (H), is awarded the SECOND SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER, in lieu of the tenth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bull. 25, WD 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, (Bull. 49, WD 1942), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department and contained in Hq European T of Ops USA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theater of Operations, he having completed the required number of operational sorties against the enemy.

SECTION III

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Sec I, Circular 32, Hq European T of Ops USA, 20 March 1944, a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to wear with the Purple Heart, the following named enlisted men having been awarded the Purple Heart per General Orders indicated by sub-paragraphs:

a. GO 33, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), 5 March 1945

397TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
597th Bombardment Squadron (H)

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JOHN L, COTTER, O-887216, 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 Navigator on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

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

323RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
454th Bombardment Squadron (M)

a. JOHN R. DONNELLY, O-597905, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 4 April 1945, while serving as Observer on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Yonkers, New York.

455th Bombardment Squadron (L)

b. DAVID V. HAYES, O-2072259, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 8 April 1945, while serving as Bombardier on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Altus, Oklahoma.

456th Bombardment Squadron (L)

c. Forrest J. Gueen, 39288300, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 10 April 1945, while serving as tail gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from San Bernardino, California.

391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
573rd Bombardment Squadron (M)

d. HERTON J. RHODA, O-817528, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 25 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 Corning, New York.

574th Bombardment Squadron (M)

e. John H. Hendricks, 37520324, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 3 April 1945, while serving as Engineer-Gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Clinton, Mo.

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Sec V, GO 55, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), 12 April 1945.

13. So much of par 1, Sec III, GO 27, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), dated 24 February 1945, as awards the Air Medal to Technical Sergeant Marl L. Newton, 18135664, is deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Seventh Oak Leaf Cluster

GO 19, Hq, 12 Bomber Command, 27 September 1943

Marl L. Newton 18135664 T/Sgt AC Lake City, Ark.

14. So much of par 2 d, Sec II, GO 40, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), dated 19 March 1945, as awards the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Technical Sergeant Marl L. Newton, 18135664, is deleted and the following substituted therefor:

Eighth Oak Leaf Cluster

GO 19, Hq, 12th Bomber Command, 27 September 1943

Marl L. Newton 18135664 T/Sgt AC Lake City, Ark.

15. So much of par 3 a, Sec II, General Orders No. 40, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), dated 19 March 1945, as awards the Silver Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Staff Sergeant Ray V Davila, is amended to read SIXTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

16. So much of par 2 d, Sec II, General Orders No. 40, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), dated 19 March 1945, as reads GORDON F SHERWOOD, O-834411 is amended to read SHERWOOD F. GORDON, O-834411.

17. So much of par 2 l, Sec II, General Orders No. 40, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (H), dated 19 March 1945, as awards the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to:

2nd Lt Carroll L Wood, O-709883
F/O Neil P Brothers, T-128598
F/O Wilbur S Harding, T-129080

is amended to read FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

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

OFFICIAL:

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