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I - DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS.--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congrss 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 to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

WILLIAM H. AMES, O-753586, Captain, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights in the European Theatre of Operations. On 27 August 1944 Capt AMES' aircraft sustained severe battle damage. Although flak continued intense and accurate he flew his crippled aircraft in precise formation and made repeated runs over the target until his bombs were successfully released upon the objective. The skill, courage and devotion to duty displayed by Capt AMES are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

LA VERL P. BARLOW, O-2064391, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Prov. For extraordinary achievement while participating as lead bombardier of a pathfinder mission of B-26's in an attack against a vital enemy oil depot in Germany on 28 March 1945. Lt BARLOW, in almost impossible weather conditions, in constantly varying altitudes and along a circuitous course in stratified clouds which made it necessary to constantly correct his bombing equipment, nevertheless dropped his bombs precisely upon the target and destroyed a vital enemy objective. His outstanding airmanship, his bombing skill and perseverance reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

JOSEPH V. BLEDSOE, O-411141, Captain, Air Corps, 394th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight on 10 May 1944. While leading his flight on a mission against marshalling yards at Greil, Capt BLEDSOE displayed outstanding leadership when his aircraft was damaged and another brought down by anti-aircraft fire. Disregarding the damage to his own aircraft he courageously led the flight out of danger and to the destruction of a vital enemy communication and supply center. The courage and devotion to duty demonstrated by Capt BLEDSOE reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

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JOHN E. BLOMGREN, O-753323, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 28 July 1944 Lt BLOMGREN's right engine became inoperative at the Initial Point. Despite extremely hazardous weather he skilfully remained with his formation until bombs were successfully dropped upon the target. By his superb airmanship and courage Lt BLOMGREN reflects highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

T. N. BOGEL, O-687532, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as lead pilot of a B-26 aircraft dispatched to destroy an enemy fuel dump at Laon, France, on 27 August 1944. Although his tail gunner and bombardier were wounded by flak fire and his aircraft's hydraulic system and aileron controls were rendered inoperative, Lt BOGEL, exhibiting calm courage and outstanding airmanship, directed his aircraft toward the target to establish an excellent bombing pattern, thereby enabling his formation to launch their bombs with most devastating effect. Lt BOGEL's exceptional flying ability and steadfast determination to complete his mission in the face of intense opposition reflect highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

HAROLD BREEN, O-887178, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as bombardier of a B-26 type aircraft on numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 4 August 1944 Lt BREEN's aircraft encountered extremely cloudy weather over the target. On a second run at reduced altitude he re-computed his bombing data but again encountered stratified clouds. Despite harassing enemy flak fire another attempt was made and Lt BREEN, in a twenty second bomb run at a greatly reduced and dangerous altitude, released his bombs precisely upon the objective. His outstanding airmanship, courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM W. BUDGE, O-856875, Captain, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Prov). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights in the European Theatre of Operations. Capt BUDGE served as pilot of a P-51 aircraft on a night solo weather reconnaissance mission over enemy territory on 19 April 1945. When a fellow pilot aborted from a very important night mission Capt BUDGE ignored his dwindling gasoline supply and adverse weather and went far off course to reconnoitre enemy positions on his fellow pilot's course. After giving his combined reports he landed at base in hazardous weather and with practically no gas. The outstanding airmanship, perseverance and devotion to duty shown by Capt BUDGE are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ROBERT B. BURGER, O-2063158, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps, 394th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight on

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22 February 1945. While proceeding on a mission against enemy installations at Neheim-Hutson, Germany, Lt BURGER's aircraft was forced to leave formation when one engine cut out. Unable to continue to the primary target, Lt BURGER located a secondary target and although a lone run on single engine was made at an altitude of 7500 feet in the face of hazardous ground fire, he released his bombs on the target with devastating effect. The superb skill and determination shown by Lt BURGER reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

CHARLES W. CALKINS, 32676188, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. On 25 July 1944 Sgt CALKINS' aircraft was attacked by two enemy aircraft in the vicinity of the target. Calling the presence of the enemy fighters to his crew, he attacked as soon as one of the fighters came into range and scored probable hits. By his courage and alertness Sgt CALKINS warded off attacks to his own aircraft and the formation. The exemplary conduct, skill and devotion to duty shown by Sgt CALKINS reflect highest credit upon himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM R. CARGILL, O-805752, Air Corps, 1st Lieutenant, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of an A-20 type aircraft on numerous bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe. On 30 April 1944 Lt CARGILL's aircraft received severe damage by direct bursts of flak. Despite the difficulty of controlling his crippled aircraft and intense ground fire he maintained his position in the formation until his bombs were successfully released upon the target. By his superb airmanship, perseverance and devotion to duty Lt CARGILL contributed conspicuously to the success of the missions in which he has participated. His acts are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

JOHN C. CATLIN O-25668, Major, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group(M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. On 25 July 1944, although anti-aircraft fire had damaged his aircraft, Major CATLIN, exhibiting courage and skill, unerringly led his flight in adverse weather conditions and successfully destroyed an important enemy railway bridge. The aggressiveness, marked aerial proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by Major CATLIN reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

GEORGE B. DAVIS, O-792533, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Prov. For heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating as pilot of a Pathfinder aircraft. On 13 March 1945 Lt DAVIS successfully led a group through almost impossible weather and went into the bomb run without fighter escort. On the bomb run his formation was attacked by heavy flak and enemy aircraft. Despite concentrated enemy attacks Lt DAVIS continued to fly straight and level and brought his formation precisely upon the target. By his outstanding airmanship and devotion

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to duty Lt DAVIS was responsible for great destruction to a vital enemy target. His acts reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

CHARLES E. DIXON, O-720715, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Prov). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations. Lt DIXON served as pilot of a P-51 aircraft leading a weather reconnaissance mission over enemy territory on 16 April 1945. Deliberately pressing an aggressive attack against 12 enemy fighters at the odds of six-to-one while on a routine two-plane flight, Lt DIXON probably destroyed one FW-190 and returned to base without damage to his own aircraft. Lt DIXON's complete and accurate reports of weather conditions were highly valuable in the success of subsequent bombardment missions. His outstanding airmanship, courage and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

JOSEPH E. DOOLEY JR., O-372031, Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as Squadron Commander and Pilot of a B-26 type aircraft from 15 February 1944 to 20 April 1945. During his many arduous missions against the enemy, Col DOOLEY has demonstrated outstanding ability as pilot and leader of men. His constant devotion to duty, pilot acumen and leadership have many times materially aided in the aerial offensive against the enemy and are in keeping with the high traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Tennessee.

JOE E. EARLL, JR., O-417690, Major, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight against the enemy on 22 March 1945. Although the target was obscured by haze and heavy smoke, Major EARLL gallantly led his formation through heavy flak on four bomb runs, before weather conditions made it possible to release the bombs on the target. Major EARLL's skill as a formation leader resulted in the destruction of a vital enemy communications center. His outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

HUGH M. EVANS, O-730893, Captain, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot on numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. When his aircraft received severe damage by flak on the bomb run Capt EVANS continued to lead his formation. Despite hazardous weather and intense ground fire he made repeated runs upon the target until his formation could most effectively destroy it. His outstanding airmanship, perseverance and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

DONALD A. FERO, O-759437, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial

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flight against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. On 22 March 1945 Lt FERO's aircraft sustained battle damage to both engines, rendering one of them inoperative. Despite the severe vibration of his aircraft, the rapid loss of speed and oil and intense, accurate flak fire, Lt FERO skilfully kept his position in the formation and successfully bombed the target contributing conspicuously to its destruction. His acts are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Georgia.

ROBERT M. FINLAYSON, O-749895, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as bombardier of a B-26 aircraft dispatched against a heavily defended enemy installation on 13 March 1945. On that day Lt FINLAYSON's aircraft sustained severe battle damage on the bomb run which greatly hindered the operation of his left engine, gas lines, oil and hydraulic lines. Despite the intensity of the flak and an unsteady aircraft he remained at his bombsight until his bombs were released precisely upon the target, destroying an important enemy airfield. His steadfast determination and devotion to duty brought great credit to himself and his organization. Entered military service from Illinois.

ELMER W. FOGELQUIST, O-2009499, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Prov. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations. Lt FOGELQUIST served as pilot of a P-51 type of aircraft on a weather reconnaissance mission over enemy territory on 2 February 1945. When his wingman was forced out of formation because of equipment failure, Lt FOGELQUIST, recognizing the importance of certain targets along his route, completed the course without escort. He was subjected to attack by twelve plus enemy aircraft and flew over points heavily defended by anti-aircraft batteries. The meteorological information obtained by Lt FOGELQUIST contributed in large measure to the success of subsequent missions. His acts reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Washington.

JOHN C. GARY, O-755317, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot in numerous aerial flights over enemy territory. On 27 August 1944 Lt GARY's aircraft was heavily struck by flak shortly before bombs away. Displaying outstanding skill he maintained his position in his formation intact. Despite intense, accurate flak over the target he made repeated bombing runs until he effectively destroyed a vital enemy troop and materiel concentration. His courage, skill and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

JAMES S. GLEINSER, O-672070, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 14 February 1945. Lt GLEINSER, as flight leader,

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continued to lead his flight through extremely intense and accurate flak. Despite damage by direct bursts to his own aircraft and many others in his formation, he skilfully and courageously assumed the lead when the formation became disrupted, and successfully destroyed a vital enemy railroad bridge. His outstanding airmanship, perseverance and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

ROBERT O. GRUETZMACHER, O-421542, Captain, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. On 11 May 1944 Capt GRUETZMACHER's aircraft received several direct bursts of flak. Despite injuries to his face and intense ground fire he continued in formation and skilfully brought his aircraft upon the target releasing his bombs and successfully destroying an important enemy objective. His skill and courage on many occasions contributed to the successful operations of his group. Entered military service from Missouri.

ROBERT C. HANNA, O-732466, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 23 December 1944. Flying as Navigator-Bombardier, Lt HANNA's aircraft sustained severe damage and he himself received injuries to his face. Despite the damage and injuries and severity of the flak he skilfully led his crippled aircraft to the target and released his bombs upon a vital enemy bridge. His outstanding airmanship, skill and courage were in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

HAROLD L. HANSEN, O-687029, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot of a B-26 aircraft in the European Theatre of Operations. On 19 November 1944, Lt HANSEN, flying his second mission for the day, exhibited great pilot ability when he overcame extremely hazardous weather conditions to reach a vital target. His skill at evasive tactics in the face of intense, heavy flak fire and his determination despite a damaged aircraft, enabled him to complete a difficult bombing attack. Lt HANSEN's courage, tenacity of purpose and skill were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

CHESTER W. HENDERSON, O-752410, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as pilot in numerous bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe. On 15 June 1944 Lt HENDERSON, under intense flak fire, made repeated runs upon the target until his bombs were released with most devastating effect. His tactical skill, perseverance and devotion to duty in his missions have contributed conspicuously to the destruction of many vital targets. His acts reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arizona.

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RICHARD J. HYNES, O-25596, Captain, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. Capt HYNES was serving as pilot and flight leader in a formation of aircraft dispatched to bomb vital marshalling yards on 7 June 1944. When cloud layers prevented bombing from medium altitude, Captain HYNES led his flight on three bombing runs over the target in the face of hostile fire. Each run was made at a successively lower altitude and a highly successful attack was finally completed on the third run. Despite severe damage to his aircraft Capt HYNES skilfully led his formation to the successful destruction of the target. The outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty displayed by Capt HYNES reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

HENRY A. JANKOWSKI, 36587308, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. T/Sgt JANKOWSKI was serving as toggler of a B-26 aircraft on a bombing mission on 7 August 1944 when his aircraft was damaged by intense and accurate heavy flak. Displaying outstanding alertness and courage he extinguished a fire in his aircraft shortly before bombs away. His steadfast determination and devotion to duty on this occasion brought great credit to himself and were in large measure responsible for the success of the mission. Entered military service from Minnesota.

DAN C. JOHNSON, O-817038, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Prov). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations. Lt JOHNSON served as pilot of a P-51 type aircraft on a weather reconnaissance mission over enemy territory on 10 March 1945. When his wingman was forced to leave formation because of mechanical failure Lt JOHNSON, realizing the importance of certain targets along his route, completed the mission unescorted. He was subjected to attack by sixteen plus enemy aircraft and received accurate heavy anti-aircraft fire in the course of measuring cloud ceilings below 2000 feet. The meteorological information obtained by Lt JOHNSON brought great credit to himself and were in large measure responsible for the success of subsequent operations. His acts are in keeping with the high ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Alabama.

WILLIAM O. KEIM, O-750032, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 410th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating as Navigator-Bombardier in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 17 April 1945 Lt KEIM led a box of A-20 aircraft on a mission to attack an ordnance depot in Germany. In hazardous weather and in mountainous terrain, he demonstrated superior airmanship and navigational skill in successfully leading his formation to the target. The outstanding success of this mission reflect the highest credit upon himself, his

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organization, and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from New York.

EDWARD L. KINSELLA, O-434320, Captain, Air Corps, 394th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while serving as pilot of a B-26 aircraft on 28 September 1944. While leading a formation against an ammunition and supply dump at Julich, Germany, Capt KINSELLA's aircraft was struck by anti-aircraft fire which wounded his tail gunner and inflicted considerable damage to the aircraft. In spite of the difficulty in handling the aircraft while still exposed to intense, accurate anti-aircraft fire, he pressed home a highly successful attack that resulted in great destruction to enemy supplies. The courage and skilful leadership displayed by Capt KINSELLA reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

GEORGE B. LEAVERTON, O-727890, Major, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-26 type aircraft against the enemy on 23 March 1945. Dispatched to bomb important communications at Schermbeck, Germany, Major LEAVERTON's aircraft sustained severe battle damage from anti-aircraft fire as he approached the target area. A shell which exploded in front of the aircraft shattered the plexiglass nose, fragments of which were blasted in Major LEAVERTON's eyes. In spite of temporary blindness he continued to lead his flight to the target. His determination and devotion to duty on this occasion brought great credit to himself and were in large measure responsible for the success of the mission. Entered military service from Minnesota.

WILLIAM J. LA BAHN, 6378548, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while participating as Engineer-Gunner of a Pathfinder aircraft on numerous day and night missions over France and Germany. On 2 December 1944 Sgt LA BAHN's aircraft, three minutes before bombs away, was struck by direct bursts of flak inthe right outboard fuel tank and it immediately began to lose gas. Gas fumes spread through the bomb-bays. Sgt LA BAHN, without parachute or flak suit, while under attack by enemy ground fire, transferred gas manually until bombs were successfully away and his aircraft safely landed. His acts reflect highest credit upon himself, his organization and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

THOMAS J. MURRAY, O-752432, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 11 July 1944 intense, accurate flak seriously damaged Lt MURRAY's aircraft. Despite a crippled aircraft, he flew in tight formation and contributed conspicuously to the destruction of a vital enemy fuel dump. His technical skill and aerial proficiency on this occasion contributed in a large measure to the successful operations of his group. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

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WAYNE MUSGROVE, O-765045, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement as pilot while participating in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 11 September 1944 Lt MUSGROVE's aircraft was severely damaged by enemy fire. Although his crippled aircraft continued under heavy, accurate attack, he skilfully maintained his position in the formation and successfully attacked his target. His acts are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

DONALD E. NEUSCH, O-759875, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. On 25 February 1945 Lt NEUSCH was lead bombardier of a group of B-26 aircraft attacking an enemy communications center in Germany. Although intense flak was directed at his formation and battle damage was sustained by his aircraft, Lt NEUSCH courageously led his formation over the target with such precision that its bombs struck the objective with devastating effect. The bombing skill and devotion to duty which Lt NEUSCH displayed aided in destroying many important enemy installations. Entered military service from Minnesota.

DUDLEY A. PHILIPS JR., O-412066, Captain, Air Corps, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating as lead pilot of a Pathfinder mission of B-26s in an attack on a vital enemy oil depot in Germany on 28 March 1945. Captain PHILIPS, flying forty-five minutes on instruments through almost impossible weather conditions successfully brought his group formation to bombs away. Making constant changes in course and altitude, and flying in stratified clouds and icing conditions, he nevertheless kept his formation intact, and, with the use of Pathfinder equipment, led them directly to the destruction of the target. By his outstanding airmanship and perseverance under stress Captain PHILIPS reflects highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Louisiana.

ARTHUR F. RAUSCHENBERGER, O-741368, Captain, Air Corps, 391st Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while serving as bombardier of a B-26 type aircraft in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 24 December 1944 Capt RAUSCHENBERGER flew as a lead bombardier on a mission to bomb a railroad bridge at Kons Karthaus, Germany. Despite heavy flak attacks and a haze that obscured the ground, he led his flight precisely to the target and successfully destroyed a vital enemy objective. The determination and courage constantly displayed by Capt RAUSCHENBERGER were instrumental in destroying many vital enemy installations. His aggressiveness, superior aerial proficiency and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

ROBERT B. REHM, O-750293, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For heroism and extraordinary achievement while participating as bombardier of a Pathfinder aircraft on numer-

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ous day and night missions over France and Germany. Lt REHM has demonstrated outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty. He has conspicuously contributed to the destruction of the enemy in the missions in which he has participated. On 30 March 1945, Lt REHM, in hazardous weather and icing conditions, in below-briefed altitude and under intense flak attack which damaged his own aircraft, dropped his bombs squarely upon the target. His acts are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

ALFRED REMISZEWSKI, O-750508, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while serving as a pilot of a light bomber participating in aerial combat against the enemy. On 25 February 1945, while participating in an attack on the fortified town of Kerpen, Lt REMISZEWSKI's aircraft received severe bursts of flak which damaged the wings and nacelles. On the bombing run the left engine began to smoke and gas fumes filled the cockpit. Despite this dangerous circumstance, Lt REMISZEWSKI held his position in close formation and dropped his bombs with precision upon the target. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Lt REMISZEWSKI are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

RICHARD J. SEAVY, O-814771, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights in the European Theatre of Operations. While serving as pilot of a B-26 aircraft on 30 November 1944 on a mission against a vital enemy supply depot in Germany, Lt SEAVY's aircraft was repeatedly struck by bursts of anti-aircraft fire. In spite of the great damage to his aircraft, Lt SEAVY, demonstrating admirable calm and skill, courageously continued to the target to release his bombs with devastating effect. The courage, ability and devotion to duty displayed by Lt SEAVY are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

RICHARD F. SHAEFER, O-25866, Major, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement as pilot while participating in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 29 June 1944 in extremely hazardous weather, Major SHAEFER's aircraft was severely damaged shortly before bombs away. Despite continuing attacks by enemy ground fire he made repeated runs upon the target until he successfully destroyed a vital enemy installation. His outstanding airmanship, perseverance and devotion to duty reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Mexico.

THOMAS H. SHARP, O-664831, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while participating as bombardier of a Pathfinder aircraft. On 13 March 1945, Lt SHARP, in almost impossible weather conditions, in constantly changing altitudes and along a circuitous course which made it necessary to make constant changes in his bombing calculations, vigilantly synchronized his pathfinder equipment

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and his Norden bombsight. On the bomb run, despite intense flak and an attack by enemy aircraft, he dropped his bombs precisely upon the target destroying an important enemy objective. His coolness, bombing skill and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself, his organization and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

AULTMAN L. SHERRELL, O-765114, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating as pilot of an A-20 airplane dispatched on light bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe. On 6 February 1945, while serving as flight leader, Lt SHERRELL successfully bombed an important installation deep in enemy territory despite heavy, accurate flak and extremely hazardous weather conditions. The aerial proficiency and courage demonstrated by Lt SHERRELL contributed in large measure to the successful operations of his group. Entered military service from Illinois.

FRANCIS L. SMITH, O-747910, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 409th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy on 2 February 1945. When his aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire before bombs away, Lt SMITH skilfully maintained his position in the formation, and despite direct bursts of flak to both engines, successfully released his bombs to destroy an important enemy railway bridge. His technical skill and courage on this occasion contributed in large measure to the successful operations of his group. Entered military service from Missouri.

GAYLE L. SMITH, O-727272, Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous combat missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 25 February 1944, Lt Col SMITH participated in a mission against an important enemy air base in Venlo, Holland. Although his aircraft was struck several times and damaged by flak on route to the target, Lt Col SMITH pressed on to the target and dropped his bombs accurately upon his objective. Attacked by enemy fighters on the return to base, his box was dangerously dispersed and four of its aircraft shot down. Assuming the leadership, Lt Col SMITH marshalled the remaining aircraft into tight formation and succeeded in warding off further attacks. His outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

JAMES M. SPALDING, O-749343, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 397th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement against the enemy in numerous bombardment missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 25 January 1945, in extremely adverse weather, the right engine of Lt SPALDING's aircraft failed to function. Although he was forced to lag behind his formation, he skilfully maintained control of his aircraft and by cutting briefed turns, regained his formation shortly before bombs away and dropped his bombs with devastating effect upon the target. By his superb airmanship, courage and skill Lt SPALDING contributed conspicuously to the success of the missions in which he participated. His acts are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Washington.

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WILLIAM F. STARNES JR., O-760748, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 25 January 1945 Lt STARNES led his flight accurately to the target despite heavy ground haze which partially obscured the briefed objective. Before and during the bomb run his aircraft was repeatedly struck by flak. Nevertheless Lt STARNES flew a straight and level course over the target and his flight inflicted devastating damage to an important enemy railroad bridge. His skill and courage contributed in large measure to the successful operations of his group. Entered military service from North Carolina.

HOWARD E. TOLLEY, O-809451, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 9 March 1945, while flying as lead navigator of the Group on a mission against the marshalling yards at Niederhausen, Lt TOLLEY assumed the task of guiding the formation when the pathfinder aborted shortly before the bomb line. Despite nine-tenths cloud and the malfunction of his "G" equipment, Lt TOLLEY led the Group to the primary target, where the bombardier found it impossible to bomb effectively because of weather. The same situation prevailed over the secondary target. Displaying notable ingenuity Lt TOLLEY proceeded to lead his formation to a target of opportunity. Although attacked by enemy fighters he nevertheless fought through to an important enemy communications center which he bombed devastatingly. His acts are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Virginia.

WILLIAM F. TRIPP, O-807540, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement as pilot of light bombardment aircraft while participating in numerous aerial flights in Europe. When on 4 June 1944 his aircraft received direct hits by flak, Lt TRIPP maintained his formation in the flight, continued to fly with superb skill to the target despite intense, accurate ground fire and successfully dropped his bombs upon the objective. His technical skill, courage and devotion to duty contributed in large measure to the successful operations of his group. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

ELIZABETH O. TURNER, O-1995930, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 1 January 1945 Lt TURNER, flying in extremely hazadous weather, was forced to reduce altitude considerably. Despite severe damage to his aircraft and constant flak attacks, he made repeated runs on the target until it was successfully destroyed. He has contributed in large measure to the success of the missions in which he has participated. His outstanding airmanship and devotion to duty are in keeping with the high ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Alabama.

RICHARD J. TUTT, O-727810, Captain, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating as pilot in

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numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 25 February 1945 when the pathfindor aircraft in his formation was destroyed, Capt TUTT assumed the lead. Despite damage to his own aircraft and intense flak, he skilfully led the formation to the successful destruction of a vital enemy ordnance depot. The skill, perseverance and devotion to duty shown by Capt TUTT reflect great credit upon himself, his organization and the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from California.

BENJAMIN D. VAN CLEAVE, O-760926, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 387th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous missions in the European Theatre of Operations. On 14 February 1945, Lt VAN CLEAVE led a flight on a mission against a railway bridge in Germany. Intense and accurate flak over the target inflicted battle damage to the entire formation including his own aircraft and so severely damaged the lead aircraft of the first box that the box leader was forced to drop out of formation. Assuming the leadership of his box, Lt VAN CLEAVE led it on a true and level course over the target despite repeated hits sustained by his aircraft and the bombs of his flight centered squarely on the bridge. His skill and unswerving devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest tradition of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

JOSEPH D. WATZLAVICK, O-667216, Captain, Air Corps, 394th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while serving as navigator on a B-26 aircraft on 24 December 1944. On that day Capt WATZLAVICK led his Group in an attack against important enemy supply lines. Although the target was heavily defended and a ground haze and heavy snowfall made accurate navigation extremely difficult, Capt WATZLAVICK navigated with such precision as to lead the entire formation to the successful destruction of the target. The leadership and marked aerial proficiency displayed by him reflect the highest standards of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

ROBERT E. WILSON, O-731718, Captain, Air Corps, 344th Bombardment Group (M). For extraordinary achievement while participating in numerous aerial flights against the enemy in the European Theatre of Operations. On 24 July 1944 Capt WILSON's aircraft was repeatedly and severely struck by direct bursts of flak. Despite the damage to his own aircraft and injuries to many crew members of the formation Capt WILSON superbly led his formation to the bomb release and the successful destruction of a vital enemy railway bridge. The skill, devotion to duty and courage of Capt WILSON are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

ALONZO P. WINN, O-737920, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights as a pilot in the European Theatre of Operations. On 19 March 1944 when his aircraft was severely damaged by enemy flak fire, Lt WINN skilfully maintained his position in the formation, and, despite intense, accurate flak, successfully came upon the objective and contributed in large measure to its destruction. Lt WINN's skill and devotion to duty have been important to the successful operations of his organization. His acts are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air

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Forces. Entered military service from California.

CHESTER P. WISNIEWSKI, 33621207, Corporal, Air Corps, 1st Pathfinder Squadron (M) Provisional. For extraordinary achievement while flying as Engineer-Gunner in a Pathfinder aircraft in a mission over Germany on 23 March 1945. Cpl WISNIEWSKI, wounded seriously shortly before bombs away, bleeding profusely and under intense fire, remained at his post without reporting his injuries until the mission was successfully accomplished and his aircraft in safe territory. The courage, singleness of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Cpl WISNIEWSKI are in keeping with the highest ideals of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

DAVID L. WITHINGTON, O-750497, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as pilot in numerous missions over Europe. On 27 August 1944, Lt WITHINGTON's aircraft received severe battle damage shortly before bombs away. Despite a crippled aircraft and fierce flak he remained with his formation and successfully bombed a vital enemy troop and vehicle concentration. The skill, courage and devotion to duty of Lt WITHINGTON contributed in large measure to the successful operations of his group. Entered military service from T. H.

II - DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS (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 Orders No. 274, 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:

GEORGE J. BROOKS, O-706347, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (Prov). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations. Lt BROOKS served as pilot of a P-51 aircraft on a night solo reconnaissance mission over enemy territory on 8 February 1945. To obtain vitally needed measurements of cloud bases, Lt BROOKS flew below 800 feet in the Cologne area, knowingly exposing himself to fire from one of the heaviest known concentrations of antiaircraft. The critical weather information he radioed in flight was instrumental to the success of many subsequent operations. Lt BROOKS' skill and devotion to duty are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Kansas.

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