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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 AIR DIVISION

George T. Fox, Jr., 12049761, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 27 November 1943 to 25 April 1945.

323RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

ARTHUR P. CROOM, O-387973, Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from May 1943 to April 1945.

344TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Ellsworth H. Geesey, 33178314, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 3 September 1944 to 21 March 1945.

John Haneyko, 32245703, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 12 October 1944 to 20 April 1945.

Edward C. Iverson, 36327191, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 22 January 1945 to April 1945.

386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Peter Ebels, 36298210, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 11 July 1944 to 3 May 1945.

Nicholas Patrick, 33123903, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 6 February 1945 to 3 May 1945.

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391ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

JOHN F. GRAF, JR., O-503435, Captain, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 19 July 1944 to 1 May 1945.

Lester L. Lybarger, 16016095, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 1 February 1944 to 15 April 1945.

Edward J. Telesky, 6981519, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 15 February 1944 to 3 March 1945.

394TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

Roy N. Harkins, 18149734, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 31 May 1944 to 29 November 1944.

Santo Plancato, 31169021, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from 6 June 1944 to 26 December 1944.

409TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Clifford O. Fast, 19147883, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from August 1944 to May 1945.

Joseph J. Fino, 11105516, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from June 1944 to March 1945.

Carl T. Gross, 37423505, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from June 1944 to March 1945.

410TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

John E. Craig, 39080862, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations during November and December 1944.

James R. Hemphill, 33281391, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations during November and December 1944.

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Russell W. Waddell, 6874689, Master Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations during December 1944.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, 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 Opns USA Circular # 56, dated 27 May 1944, an AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted man of the 394th Bombardment Group (M), in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theater of Operations.

John E. Humphrey, 18151082, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in aerial flight on 25 March 1945. On the return from a successful mission to Limburg, Germany, Sergeant Humphrey displayed courage and outstanding devotion to duty. One engine failed to function shortly after leaving the target area and the other engine functioned so poorly that a crash was imminent. Sergeant Humphrey remained at his post and tried to remedy the malfunction until ordered to a crash position by the pilot. His calm courage in remaining at his post enabled the pilot to crash land the aircraft with a minimum amount of danger and injury to the crew. Entered military service from Bastrop, La.

SECTION III

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)

Glen H. Peterson, 19098610, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 23 February 1945, while serving as a radio operator gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Inglewood, California.

386TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)

DEAN E. KEIL, O-702287, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 15 December 1944, while serving as pilot on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from West Amana, Iowa.

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Robert A. Brown, 17036985, Technical 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 engineer-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Hinckley, Minnesota.

Lloyd A. Rosenbalm, 37497664, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 11 August 1944, while serving as radio-gunner on a B-26 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service from Pleasant Hill, Mo.

SECTION IV

1. So much of Sec I, GO 40, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 19 March 1945 as awards the Air Medal to Staff Sergeant George S. Webb, 14050617, is amended to read Third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

2. So much of par 1 l, Sec IV, GO 37, Hq, 9th Bombardment Division (M), 6 December 1944, as awards the second Oak Leaf Cluster to Staff Sergeant Craig T. Hudson, 34801582, and Staff Sergeant Leonard W. McDonald, 34189788, is amended to read Third Oak Leaf Cluster.

3. So much of par 2 v, Sec III, GO 165, Hq, IX Bomber Command, 26 August 1944, as awards the eighth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Second Lieutenant FLOYD L. PARSONS, 0-744939, is deleted.

4. So much of par 2 at, Sec III, GO 142, Hq, IX Bomber Command, dated 13 July 1944, as awards the eighth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Staff Sergeant George R. Anderson, 39275075, is amended to read Seventh Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

By command of Brigadier General SAUNDERS:

JOHN C. KILPORN,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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

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