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III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men.

✓ ROBERT H. SMITH, O-725541, 1st Lieutenant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 21 May 1943. After the bombing run anti-aircraft fire disabled two engines of Lieutenant Smith's airplane, but by skilful maneuvering he managed to maintain his position in the formation until enemy fighter planes disabled a third engine, thus forcing him out of formation. Ten enemy fighter planes immediately concentrated their attacks on this lone airplane, starting fires in two compartments of the plane and destroying the oxygen system. Displaying exceptional courage and superb airmanship, Lieutenant Smith maneuvered his airplane so skilfully during the running fight, which lasted more than an hour, that his crew destroyed most of the attacking planes and warded off the balance. Upon reaching the English Channel, Lieutenant Smith performed a perfect crash landing on the water when the fourth and last engine ceased to function. The entire crew was rescued some thirty hours later by an Air-Sea Rescue boat. The actions of Lieutenant Smith on this occasion were responsible for the safe return of all members of his crew and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 1008 North First St., Lamesa, Texas.

GEORGE R. JANSEN, O-727998, 1st Lieutenant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 14 May 1943. Before reaching the target, enemy fighter planes attacked in force inflicting such severe damage to Lieutenant Jansen's airplane that it became almost uncontrollable. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Lieutenant Jansen maintained his position in the formation, continued on to make a highly successful bombing run and returned his severely damaged airplane to his home base without further injury to any member of the crew. The courage and skill displayed by Lieutenant Jansen on this occasion materially aided in the completion of an important mission and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 3100 Marshall Way, Sacramento, California.

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ROBERT McCALLUM, O-885904, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Co-Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 21 May 1943. After completion of the bombing run anti-aircraft fire and enemy fighter planes disabled three engines of the airplane, started fires in two sections of the plane and destroyed the oxygen system. Ten enemy fighter planes immediately concentrated their attacks on this lone airplane. Displaying great courage and skill, Lieutenant McCallum rendered invaluable assistance to the pilot and when the crew was ordered to take up ditching positions he heroically manned the Top-Turret guns, destroying one attacking plane and warding off another. When the fourth and last engine failed and a crash landing was made on the water, Lieutenant McCallum aided the crew in getting into the dinghies and maintained discipline until the entire crew was rescued by an Air-Sea Rescue boat some thirty hours later. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant McCallum on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 2450 Bauman, Omaha, Nebraska.

ISAAC A. FLESHER, 16053266, Staff Sergeant, 68th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Radio-Operator and Gunner on a B-24 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 14 May 1943. On reaching the German coast the formation was attacked by one of the largest enemy fighter plane forces encountered to date. Just before reaching the target, Sergeant Flesher went into the bomb-bay to assist in opening the door and while there was painfully wounded, rendering him momentarily unconscious. Upon regaining consciousness, Sergeant Flesher, with complete disregard for his wounded condition, courageously assisted in trying to operate the bomb-bay mechanism and when this was found to be impossible, he rendered first-aid to his wounded comrades. During the whole of the return journey Sergeant Flesher was all over the airplane rendering invaluable assistance wherever he was needed. The actions of Sergeant Flesher on this occasion set an inspiring example for his fellow comrades, and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Towanda, Illinois.

IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following

ROBERT C. FRY, O-728069, 1st Lieutenant, 322nd Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-26 airplane on a combat mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 14 May 1943. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Lieutenant Fry returned his severely damaged airplane to a friendly base without further damage to the airplane or injury to any member of the crew. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Fry on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Abilene, Texas.

EDWARD W. ROGERS, O-728511, 1st Lieutenant, 94th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while serving as Bombardier on the leading airplane on a bombardment mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 19 May 1943. Displaying great courage and skill, Lieutenant Rogers with enemy fighter planes attacking incessantly, released his bombs directly on the target. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Rogers on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Mellen, Wisconsin.

DANIEL J. BARBERIS, O-795197, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Navigator of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 21 May 1943. After leaving the target the airplane was so badly damaged by enemy fighter planes that a forced landing was made in the sea. Lieutenant Barberis displayed exceptional courage and skill in removing the emergency equipment from the sinking airplane and gave invaluable assistance to the Pilot in maintaining discipline in the dinghies until the entire crew was rescued after thirty hours in the open sea. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Barberis on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 1125 73rd Street, North Bergen, New Jersey.

VII. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 8 August 1932, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Section I, Circular 36, Hq., ETOUSA, 5 April 1943, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men, in addition to the AIR MEDAL previously awarded.

WILLIAM S. RAPER, O-421658, Captain, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Pilot of the leading airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 19 May 1943. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Captain Raper led the Group through heavy concentrations of anti-aircraft fire and large forces of enemy fighter planes to successfully bomb the target and return the entire unit to the home base without the loss of an airplane. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Raper on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 4518 E. Off St. Wheeling, West Virginia.

WILLIAM HOWARD MINDER, O-727367, 1st Lieutenant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Bombardier on a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 17 May 1943. On this occasion Lieutenant Minder performed his duties as Bombardier on the leading airplane of the last formation. Displaying great courage and skill, Lieutenant Minder made a highly successful and unusually accurate bombing run. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Minder on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 2101 Knapp St., St. Paul, Minnesota.

HUGH E. PHELAN, O-726068, 2nd Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Group Bombardier on a B-17 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 19 May 1943. Displaying great courage and skill, Lieutenant Phelan despite constant attacks by enemy fighter planes effected a perfect bombing run over the target. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Phelan on this occasion contributed materially to the success of an important bombing mission and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Route #2, Malvern, Arkansas.

BENNETT F. BUCHANAN, 34134270, Technical Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Top-Turret Gunner on a B-17 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 21 May 1943. After leaving the target the airplane was severely damaged and eventually made a forced landing in the sea. Displaying great courage and skill, Sergeant Buchanan assisted in removing emergency equipment from the sinking airplane and materially aided the pilot in maintaining discipline in the dinghies until an Air-Sea Rescue boat arrived about thirty hours later. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Buchanan on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 2108 Fairmont Street, Ft. Worth, Texas.

HENDRICK KATE JR., 31107219, Technical Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Radio Operator and Gunner on a B-17 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 21 May 1943. After leaving the target the airplane was severely damaged and eventually made a forced landing in the sea. Displaying great courage and skill Sergeant Kate assisted in removing emergency equipment from the sinking airplane and materially aided the pilot in maintaining discipline in the dinghies until an Air-Sea Rescue boat arrived about thirty hours later. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Kate on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Central St., Manchester, New Hampshire.

SAUL SUSKIND, 6979809, Technical Sergeant, 68th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Assistant Engineer and Gunner on a B-24 airplane on submarine patrol, 10 July 1942. An enemy submarine was sighted at periscope depth and bombs and depth charges were released upon it with such skill and accuracy that wreckage appeared on the surface almost immediately. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Suskind on this occasion materially aided in the probable sinking of an enemy submarine and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 600 Timpson Place, New York, New York.

ARTHUR R. ADRIAN, 36241799, Staff Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Ball Turret Gunner on a B-17 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 21 May 1943. After leaving the target the airplane was severely damaged and eventually made a forced landing in the sea. Displaying great courage and skill, Sergeant Adrian assisted in removing emergency equipment from the sinking airplane and materially aided the pilot in maintaining discipline in the dinghies until an Air-Sea Rescue boat arrived about thirty hours later. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Adrian on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 2466 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

WAYNE J. GRAY, 13086189, Staff Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Waist Gunner on a B-17 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 21 May 1943. After leaving the target the airplane was severely damaged and eventually made a forced landing in the sea. Displaying great courage and skill, Sergeant Gray assisted in removing emergency equipment from the sinking airplane and materially aided the pilot in maintaining discipline in the dinghies until an Air-Sea Rescue boat arrived about thirty hours later. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Gray on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: R.F.D.3, Corvapolis, Pennsylvania.

ZYGMUND C. WARMINSKI, 36503038, Staff Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while serving as Nose Gunner on a B-17 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 21 May 1943. After leaving the target the airplane was severely damaged and eventually made a forced landing in the sea. Displaying great courage and skill, Sergeant Warminski, assisted in removing emergency equipment from the sinking airplane and materially aided the pilot in maintaining discipline in the dinghies until an Air-Sea Rescue boat arrived about thirty hours later. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Warminski on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 3868 Evaline St., Hamtramck, Michigan.

ROBERT L. HOOPER, 18104567, Staff Sergeant, 66th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while serving as Radio-Operator and Gunner on a B-24 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 14 May 1943. Displaying great courage and exceptional skill, Sergeant Hooper posted himself on the narrow cat-walk over the open bomb-bay and with a small hand camera obtained excellent photographs of the results of the bombing mission. He was unable to wear his parachute due to the cramped space in which he was forced to stand. The courage and skill displayed by Sergeant Hooper on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: San Antonio, Texas.

VIII. So much of Section III, G.O. #71, Hq, Eighth Air Force, 5 June 1943 as reads "1st Lt. SMAUEL H. ANDERSON," is amended to read "1st Lt. SAMUEL H. ANDERSON".