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I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message #2139, Hq USSAFE, 11 January 1944, the SILVER STAR is awarded to the following-named Officer:

MARCUS J. LEMLEY, O-1699161, Lieutenant-Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For gallantry in action, while serving as Air Commander of a Combat Wing of B-17 airplanes on a mission over enemy occupied Europe, 9 April 1944. When other wings in the formation turned back due to extremely adverse weather conditions, Colonel Lemley gallantly continued on to the assigned target, knowing that his unit would be subjected to fierce opposition. Though enemy fighters attacked viciously, trying desperately to scatter the bombers, Colonel Lemley maintained an excellent defensive formation and led it over the assigned objective. Despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire during the bombing run, the formation released its bombs with devastating results on an installation of vital importance to the enemy's war effort. The gallantry, leadership and indomitable will to carry on against great odds displayed by Colonel Lemley were an inspiration to all participating on this highly successful mission. Entered military service from California.

III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message #2139, Hq USSAFE, 11 January 1944, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men:

MARTIN G. BAXTER, O-735022, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 airplane on a bombardment mission over Germany, 6 March 1944. Though one engine of his aircraft became disabled soon after taking off, Lieutenant Baxter refused to return to base and continued to lead his Section. Exhibiting superb airmanship, he attained maximum performance from the three good engines and took his Section over the assigned target, which was successfully bombed, and back to its base in England. The courage, tenacity of purpose and leadership displayed by Lieutenant Baxter in piloting his disabled aircraft into the ever present danger of enemy fighter resistance reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

HERVEY E. BROXTON, O-747201, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 21 February 1944. Just before reaching the target area, Lieutenant Broxton's aircraft was viciously attacked by enemy fighters and as a result, one engine was disabled and numerous control cables were severed. By the most expert handling, he kept his plane in formation and successfully bombed the objective. When he found it impossible to remain with the formation after the bombing run, enemy fighters attacked with renewed fury, knocking out the top and tail turrets, destroying the hydraulic systems and starting a fire in the waist section of the plane. Though these savage assaults lasted until reaching the English Channel, Lieutenant Broxton piloted his battered aircraft to England and accomplished a safe landing. The courage, determination and skilful airmanship displayed by Lieutenant Broxton reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

PAUL T. BURTON, O-1699162, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while on a heavy bombardment mission over Germany, 20 February 1944. Flying as Command Pilot, Major Burton led a Group of B-24 airplanes. Though briefed for an instrument bombing attack, he quickly ordered a visual bombing run to be made when he observed a break in the clouds. In spite of savage assaults by hostile fighters, Major Burton maneuvered his unit over the assigned target and bombed it with devastating results. The high degree of success achieved by the Group is largely attributable to the courage, initiative and skilful leadership of Major Burton. His actions on this occasion reflect credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

WILLARD E. CARSRUD, O-670499, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 aircraft leading a Combat Wing formation on a bombing mission over Germany, 25 February 1944. Fierce enemy fighter opposition was encountered on this mission deep into the interior of Germany. Handling his aircraft with the utmost skill, Captain Carsrud maintained a tight defensive formation, thus lessening losses, and maneuvered the units to the assigned objective. His coordination with the bombardier enabled him to accomplish an excellent bombing run. The courage, determination and flying skill displayed by Captain Carsrud contributed materially to the devastation wrought by the wing on an important enemy installation. Entered military service from Colorado.

MARINE W. CHENEY, 17121760, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Waist Gunner of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 30 December 1943. During the bombing run, a large piece of flak hit Sergeant Cheney, seriously wounding him in the leg and knocking him down, where he lay stunned for several minutes. Just as he recovered from the initial shock, he saw the other waist gunner fall to the floor from lack of oxygen. Though suffering severe pain, Sergeant Cheney crawled to the side of his stricken comrade and finding the oxygen mask frozen, cleared it and began to apply artificial respiration. As his comrade began to regain consciousness he struggled with Sergeant Cheney and tried to remove his oxygen mask. Heedless of his own condition, he kept him overpowered until the stricken crewman had fully recovered. The heroism, cool judgment and disregard for his own safety displayed by Sergeant Cheney were largely responsible for saving the life of a fellow crewman. Entered military service from Kansas.

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WILLARD D. COBB, 11085357, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Tail Gunner of a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Europe, 5 March 1944. Upon leaving the target area, his aircraft was attacked by six enemy fighters. A 20 mm cannon shell hit the tail turret painfully wounding Sergeant Cobb and damaging his turret to such an extent that he was forced to operate it manually. In spite of this, he continued to fire his guns, destroying one enemy fighter and warding off three savage attacks on his position. Sergeant Cobb refused to leave his guns to receive emergency first-aid treatment until friendly fighters arrived to escort the crippled bomber back to England. The heroism, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Cobb contributed materially to the safe return of his aircraft. Entered military service from Vermont.

ELMER E. CROCKETT, O-795416, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 6 March 1944. On leaving the target area, intense, accurate anti-aircraft fire knocked out one engine of his plane, seriously damaged the left wing and hit the bomb-bay mechanism making it impossible to close the doors. Forced to abandon the formation, Lieutenant Crockett started the long return journey alone. During a running battle with six enemy fighters, two additional engines were knocked out, but in spite of this, he maneuvered his plane with such skill that the enemy were eluded. Realizing that he would not reach England and that a successful ditching was impossible with the bomb-bay doors open, Lieutenant Crockett maintained maximum altitude on the one remaining engine and endeavored to come as close as possible to the English coast. When the fuel supply became exhausted when only five miles off the English coast, he ordered the crew to bail out. Only after all of the crew had abandoned the stricken aircraft did he bail out. The heroism, tenacity of purpose and flying skill displayed by Lieutenant Crockett reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

DONALD ARCHIBALD CURRIE, JR., O-805408, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 22 February 1944. The formation was subjected to a heavy barrage of flak as it withdrew from the target area, Lieutenant Currie's aircraft sustaining severe damage. The tail assembly was partially destroyed, numerous control cables severed and one engine disabled. Unable to remain with the formation, he headed his aircraft for England. Though his plane became almost uncontrollable at times, Lieutenant Currie skillfully flew it back to England and made a safe landing at his home base. The courage, determination and exceptional skill displayed by Lieutenant Currie were directly responsible for the safe return of his aircraft and crew. Entered military service from North Carolina.

RICHARD C. HOLMAN, O-746112, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 6 March 1944. Just after the bombs were released on the target, two engines of his aircraft were knocked out by a bursting flak shell. Unable to remain with the formation, Lieutenant Holman headed his plane for cloud cover. Enemy fighters, seeing his plane leave the formation, made a vicious assault before he reached the protection of the clouds. With only two engines operating, Lieutenant Holman maneuvered his aircraft with such skill that his crew were able to destroy two of the attacking fighters and the balance were eluded by employing evasive tactics. Ordering all unnecessary

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equipment to be jettisoned, he piloted his plane back to England and made a safe landing. The courage, determination and skilful airmanship displayed by Lieutenant Holman were directly responsible for the safe return of his aircraft and crew. Entered military service from Iowa.

ROBERT E. HUDSON, 16162433, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Left Waist Gunner of a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 21 February 1944. During a savage assault by enemy fighters, the tail gunner and right waist gunner were both seriously wounded and their guns rendered inoperative. When there was a lull in the fighting, Sergeant Hudson removed the tail gunner from his turret and administered first-aid to him. Returning to his gun, Sergeant Hudson discovered that a fire had broken out in the waist of the plane and the flames were leaping around the other waist gunner, who had slumped to the floor. After removing his stricken comrade, he alternately fought off the attacking planes and made every effort to put out the fire, until severely wounded by a bursting cannon shell. The heroism, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Hudson served as an example for his fellow crewmen. Entered military service from Illinois.

GEORGE JOSEPH JACKSON, O-673194, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardier for a Section of B-24 airplanes on a mission over Germany, 24 February 1944. As the formation approached the target, enemy fighters made vicious frontal assaults, trying desperately to scatter the bombers. In spite of this heavy opposition, Lieutenant Jackson accomplished an excellent run over the target, releasing his bombs directly on the assigned objective. Due to the accuracy of his bombing, the section scored direct hits on an important enemy installation. The courage and technical skill displayed by Lieutenant Jackson reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

LORIN L. JOHNSON, O-395164, Lieutenant-Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while leading a Combat Wing of B-24 airplanes on a mission over Germany, 24 February 1944. Colonel Johnson directed his units from his position as Command Pilot of the lead aircraft. Though the first section of the wing leading the division formation veered from the correct course, Colonel Johnson continued along the briefed route and led his wing over the assigned objective, bombing it with excellent results. This was accomplished in spite of persistent, fierce attacks by enemy fighters, who tried desperately to disrupt the unity of the formation. The courage, cool judgment and skilful leadership displayed by Colonel Johnson were in a large measure responsible for the outstanding results achieved by his Wing. Entered military service from Utah.

WILLIAM W. JONES, O-393142, Lieutenant-Colonel, (then Major), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Air Commander of a Combat Wing of B-24 airplanes on a bombing mission over Germany, 20 February 1944. Heavy fighter opposition was encountered enroute to the target and during the start of the bombing run desperate attempts were made to break up the formation. In spite of this, Colonel Jones maintained an excellent formation and led his units over the assigned objective. Vast des-

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struction was wrought on an installation of vital importance to the enemy. Though the fighters continued to press their attacks viciously during the withdrawal from the target, he formed a tight defensive formation and led his units back to England with minimum losses. The courage, determination and leadership displayed by Colonel Jones reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

ROMAN V. MAZIARZ, O-802597, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 22 February 1944. Prior to reaching the target, two engines of his aircraft were knocked out during a fierce assault by hostile fighters. Forced to abandon his position in the formation, the fighters immediately made concentrated attacks on his crippled bomber. Maneuvering his plane with great skill, Lieutenant Maziarz eluded the enemy and accomplished a bombing run over an enemy installation. After fighting his way out of enemy territory, ditching in the North Sea became inevitable when a third engine ceased to operate. Exhibiting superb airmanship, Lieutenant Maziarz landed his aircraft on the water so expertly that the crew successfully abandoned plane and after being in their dinghies about four hours were safely rescued. The courage and exceptional flying skill displayed by Lieutenant Maziarz reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

JAMES ALAN MCGREGOR, O-428166, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while piloting the leading aircraft of a Combat Wing formation on a bombing mission over Germany, 24 February 1944. The target on this occasion was a high priority industrial unit deep in the interior of enemy territory. Though enemy fighters made persistent and vicious frontal assaults in an attempt to scatter the bombers, Captain McGregor kept the wing formation intact and maneuvered it to the assigned objective. The courage, cool judgment and skilful airmanship displayed by Captain McGregor contributed materially to the destruction of this important target. His actions on this occasion reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Maryland.

KENNETH I. MENZIE, O-742189, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while piloting the leading aircraft of a Combat Wing formation on a bombing mission over Germany, 20 February 1944. A dense undercast prevailed over most of the briefed route to the target. In spite of this, Lieutenant Menzie skilfully brought the formation intact to the target, carefully avoiding known areas of heavy ground fire enroute. Due to his perfect coordination with the bombardier and navigator, the bombing run was accomplished with such precision that the formation was able to release its bombs with maximum effect. The courage and exceptional flying skill displayed by Lieutenant Menzie were prime factors in the successful completion of this mission. Entered military service from Kansas.

WILLIAM V. OWEN, O-672400, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 4 March 1944. Unusually high clouds and generally adverse weather conditions caused a large part of the formation to turn back. When only a short distance from the target area, Lieutenant Owen received the signal to take over the lead position. Though being subjected to heavy

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ground fire, he maneuvered his aircraft into the lead position with a minimum of confusion and accomplished an excellent bombing run over the assigned objective. His cool judgment and ability to assume command under trying conditions were largely responsible for the success achieved. The courage and exceptional flying skill displayed by Lieutenant Owen reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

PAUL F. PAULSEN, O-795819, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 6 March 1944. Prior to crossing the border of Germany, one engine of his aircraft ceased to function. Though this was a mission deep into enemy territory, Lieutenant Paulsen, determined to hold his position as Deputy Leader, continued on to the target and despite fierce opposition, made a successful bombing run. Upon leaving the target area, he found it impossible to remain with the formation and was immediately attacked by enemy fighters. During the running battle which followed, Lieutenant Paulsen skilfully out-maneuvered the enemy and piloted his aircraft back to England, where he made a safe landing. The courage, determination and skilful airmanship displayed by Lieutenant Paulsen reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Iowa.

FRANCIS J. PITELKA, O-673944, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Bombardier in the leading aircraft of a Combat Wing formation on a mission over Germany, 20 February 1944. As the wing approached the target, a break in the clouds made a visual bombing run possible. In the short time available, Lieutenant Pitelka quickly made the necessary changes and released his bombs accurately on a vital enemy installation. So unerring was his aim that the formation bombing on his release scored an unusually high percentage of direct hits on the assigned objective. The success of this mission was in a large measure due to the courage and technical skill displayed by Lieutenant Pitelka. His achievement on this occasion reflects credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

RALPH PORCARO, 35362860, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Radio Operator and Gunner of a B-17 airplane on more than fifteen bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe. Sergeant Porcaro, fighting from his gun position, has destroyed one enemy plane and his actions while engaged in combat have been an example for his fellow crewmen. On the mission dispatched over Germany, 8 March 1944, his aircraft was attacked, heavily damaged and forced out of formation by hostile fighters. 20 mm cannon fire riddled the radio compartment and rendered his equipment inoperative. Though under constant attack, Sergeant Porcaro skilfully repaired the damaged equipment and sent out a message summoning friendly fighter escort. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Porcaro contributed materially to the success of each of these missions and his actions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHN E. POWELL, O-674243, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Navigator for the second Section of a group leading a division formation on a bombing mission over Germany, 24 February 1944. Shortly before reaching the target, the lead section took an incorrect heading, veering off the briefed course. Quickly recognizing the error,

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Lieutenant Powell promptly gave his pilot the correct heading to the assigned objective. The division following his lead, wrought vast devastation on an installation of vital importance to the enemy. This was achieved in spite of persistent and savage assaults by a large force of enemy fighters. The courage, initiative and high degree of technical skill displayed by Lieutenant Powell were largely responsible for the successful completion of the mission. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

WILLIAM D. REEDER, O-802764, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 22 February 1944. On withdrawing from the target the group in which Lieutenant Reeder was flying was viciously attacked by enemy fighters. Though his aircraft sustained severe damage and the oxygen system was partially destroyed, he continued to hold his position in the formation and thus gained the protection of its added fire power. To add to his difficulties the tail assembly of his plane was damaged by flak shortly before crossing the enemy coast. Handling his crippled bomber superbly, Lieutenant Reeder remained with the formation during the entire return journey and accomplished a safe landing at his home base. The courage and exceptional flying skill displayed by Lieutenant Reeder reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

WILLIAM E. REID, O-738464, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 20 February 1944. Prior to reaching the target his aircraft was subjected to savage attacks by enemy fighters. Two engines were knocked out and other serious damage sustained. Exhibiting exceptional skill, Lieutenant Reid remained with the formation as long as possible, joining first on one unit and then another, and never completely lost contact until friendly fighters arrived to escort his stricken bomber back to England. This action by Lieutenant Reid undoubtedly saved his aircraft and crew from almost certain destruction. The courage, determination and skilful airmanship displayed by Lieutenant Reid in returning his plane to a safe landing in England reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

JOHN E. SCHAFFER, 34395238, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Ball Turret Gunner of a B-24 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 24 January 1944. One of the bomb-bay doors failed to open over the target, causing a large number of incendiaries to jam against the closed door. Realizing the danger of the armed bombs being detonated, Sergeant Schaffer volunteered to help release them. Working over the open bomb-bay without a parachute and with only an emergency supply of oxygen, Sergeant Schaffer, assisted by two other members of the crew, stopped the arming vanes from spinning and threw the bombs out, one at a time. The courage, skill and disregard for his own safety displayed by Sergeant Schaffer saved his aircraft from probable destruction. Entered military service from Alabama.

JAMES M. STEWART, O-433210, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Deputy Leader of a Combat Wing formation on a bombing mission over Germany, 20 February 1944. Having been briefed for instrument bombing with condition that should visual bombing be possible the deputy leader would assume command, the formation proceeded to the target, meeting

heavy enemy fighter opposition. When the target area was reached it became apparent that visual bombing was possible and Major Stewart smoothly assumed the lead position. In spite of aggressive fighter attacks and later heavy, accurate anti-aircraft fire, he was able to hold the formation together and direct a bombing run over the target in such a manner that the planes following his were able to release their bombs with great accuracy. The courage, leadership and skilful airmanship displayed by Major Stewart were in a large measure responsible for the success of this mission. Entered military service from California.

WILLARD P. STOTTER, O-672479, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while piloting the leading aircraft of the second Section of a group formation on a bombing mission over Germany, 24 February 1944. The group in which Lieutenant Stotter was flying was leading the entire division on this occasion. Due to unusual circumstances which existed just as the formation approached the target area, he was required to make a visual bomb run, being the first bombardier over the target. In spite of vicious attacks by enemy fighters, particularly against the lead plane, Lieutenant Stotter released his bombs accurately on the assigned target. The outstanding success achieved by the division is in a large measure attributable to the courage and exceptional skill displayed by Lieutenant Stotter. Entered military service from Ohio.

RAY SWANGREN, O-676167, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Navigator for a Combat Wing formation on a bombing mission over Germany, 24 February 1944. When the wing preceding his deviated from the briefed course, Lieutenant Swangren quickly noted the error and gave his pilot the correct course to the target. He accomplished this despite the changed appearance of landmarks due to snow-covered terrain. The courage, quick thinking and the high degree of technical skill displayed by Lieutenant Swangren were contributing factors to the success achieved on this important mission. His actions on this occasion reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

WILLIAM WHITFIELD TRIMBLE, O-802891, First Lieutenant, (then Second Lieutenant) Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 24 January 1944. One of the bomb-bay doors failed to open over the target causing a large number of incendiaries to jam against the closed door. Realizing the danger of the armed bombs being detonated, Lieutenant Trimble immediately set about releasing them. Working over the open bomb-bay without a parachute and with only an emergency supply of oxygen, Lieutenant Trimble, assisted by two other members of the crew, stopped the arming vanes from spinning and threw the bombs out one at a time. The courage, skill and disregard for his own safety displayed by Lieutenant Trimble saved his aircraft from probable destruction. Entered military service from Louisiana.

HAL WALLER, O-790312, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Navigator of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 20 February 1944. By means of precise operation of special navigational equipment in his aircraft, Lieutenant Waller was able to lead a Combat Wing formation to its objective deep in German territory. He accomplished this in spite of the fact that the ground was obscured by a solid layer of clouds. At the target, his accurate interpretation and use of equipment were of invaluable assistance to the bombardier in identifying the target and in making a successful bombing run. The courage, resourcefulness and technical skill displayed by Lieutenant Waller contributed materially to the accurate bombing of an important enemy installation. Entered military service from Texas.

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GEORGE B. WEST, O-802893, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while piloting his Flying Fortress on numerous bombing missions deep into Germany, Lieutenant West's courage and devotion to duty have been a constant example for his fellow flyers. On the mission dispatched 25 February 1944, one engine of his aircraft became disabled shortly after crossing the enemy coast, but in spite of this, he continued on to the target and successfully bombed it. Again on 2 March 1944, two engines of Lieutenant West's plane cut out as he approached the target. Unable to maintain his position in the formation, he followed his group over the target and made an excellent bombing run later flying his crippled bomber back to England unescorted. Shortly after taking off on 6 March 1944, the oxygen system in the left rear of the plane became inoperative. Determined to complete the mission, Lieutenant West kept his crew off of oxygen as long as possible and then re-positioned his crew, making it possible to continue on to the target. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant West under adverse conditions have won for him the admiration of all members of his organization. Entered military service from Texas.

III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message #2139, Hq USSAFE, 11 January 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Man in addition to the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS previously awarded:

ALBERT A. ADAMS, O-742818, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 6 March 1944. During the return journey and while still over enemy territory, one engine of his plane failed. Lieutenant Adams was unable to remain with the formation and proceeded alone. Within a short time enemy fighters attacked, but were eluded before serious damage was sustained. Later, enemy fighters pressed a vicious attack, knocking out one engine, disabling the tail guns and damaging the whole tail assembly. Lieutenant Adams put his plane into such a steep dive to evade the fighters, that four members of the crew, thinking the plane doomed, bailed out. Crossing the enemy coast at an extremely low altitude and with only two engines operating, he flew his battered plane back to England and accomplished a safe landing. The courage and skilful airmanship displayed by Lieutenant Adams reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

CHARLES C. BLISS, O-735030, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while piloting the leading aircraft of a Combat Wing on a bombing mission over Germany, 8 March 1944. The wing in which Captain Bliss was flying led the entire task force on this important mission deep into Germany. As the formation entered enemy territory, it was savagely attacked by a large number of hostile fighters. A vicious frontal assault knocked out two engines of Captain Bliss's aircraft. In spite of this, he maintained the lead position, but when his aircraft sustained further severe damage, he abandoned his position rather than jeopardize the unity of the formation. Diving for cloud cover, he eluded pursuing fighters and flew his plane back to England where he made a safe landing. The courage, flying skill and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Bliss reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

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JOSEPH A. BROWN, O-366943, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Group Bombardier on numerous important missions over enemy occupied Europe from June 1943 to January 1944. When a dense smoke screen obscured the primary target on the mission dispatched 13 June 1943, Major Brown identified another target of importance and bombed it with excellent results. Again on 25 July 1943, a vital installation was covered by a smoke screen but due to his alertness in observing landmarks, his group was the only one to bomb the briefed target. Despite poor visibility and fierce fighter opposition on the mission over Germany, 8 October 1943, Major Brown released his bombs accurately on the assigned objective. On 21 January 1944, his group was sent to bomb military installations in enemy occupied France. After four runs over the target had failed due to adverse weather conditions, and fuel was becoming low, Major Brown decided on a fifth try and sighting a briefed check point was able to drop his bombs directly on the target. The courage, determination and exceptional skill displayed by Major Brown under difficult conditions have materially contributed to dealing a damaging blow to the enemy's war effort. Entered military service from Illinois.

LELAND G. FIEGEL, O-21389, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while leading a Combat Wing of B-24 airplanes on a bombing mission over Germany, 25 February 1944. During the long trip over enemy territory, Colonel Fiegel kept his units in a tight defensive formation, thereby reducing fighter opposition to a minimum. Despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire in the target area, he maneuvered the formation over the assigned objective, bombing it with devastating results. Rallying his units after the bombing run, he led an excellent formation back to England, carefully avoiding areas of heavy flak enroute. The outstanding success achieved by the wing is in a large measure attributable to the courageous leadership and skill displayed by Colonel Fiegel. Entered military service from Minnesota.

JOHN A. FINO, O-725422, Captain, (then First Lieutenant), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Bombardier for a Group of B-24 airplanes leading a Task Force on a mission over enemy occupied Europe, 1 October 1943. During this long mission of over twelve hours duration, a dense undercast prevailed along the entire route to the target. When a small break appeared in the clouds, Captain Fino quickly located his position in regards to the target and made an accurate bombing run. He accomplished this in spite of an intense barrage of flak, the plane on his left wing receiving a direct hit and exploding in mid-air. The explosion rocked his aircraft violently but even this did not upset Captain Fino, who calmly remained at his bomb-sight during the fleeting seconds allowed him. The courage, devotion to duty and exceptional skill displayed by Captain Fino were largely responsible for the success achieved on this mission. Entered military service from California.

GEORGE E. HAMMOND, O-728273, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardier for a Combat Wing of B-24 airplanes on a mission over Germany, 25 February 1944. As the formation approached the target area it encountered intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. Exhibiting exceptional skill, Captain Hammond, despite the heavy opposition, coolly made the necessary calculations and released his bombs directly on the target. The precision bombing accomplished by the units which followed him over the target is in a large measure attributable to the courage, coolness and superb skill displayed by Captain Hammond. His outstanding achievement on this occasion reflects highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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ARTHUR ISAAC, O-669303, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardier for a Combat Wing of B-17 airplanes on a mission over Germany, 22 February 1944. The wing in which Captain Isaac was flying was without support from friendly bombers or fighters during the last 100 miles enroute to the target. In spite of adverse weather conditions and a heavy snowfall, which served as a natural camouflage, he was able to identify the assigned objective and accomplish an excellent bombing run. This was achieved in the face of a heavy barrage of flak that damaged every aircraft in his unit. The courage, cool judgment and superior skill displayed by Captain Isaac were largely responsible for the vast destruction wrought by the wing on an important enemy installation. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT A. LAMB, O-659308, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while piloting a fighter aircraft on eighty-four missions over enemy occupied Europe. Captain Lamb has led a Squadron on nineteen missions and on each occasion, the unit, under his inspiring leadership, has accomplished its task in a superior manner. His zeal in seeking out the enemy and his aggressiveness in action are borne out by his record of destroying seven enemy aircraft, while engaged in aerial combat. The courage, skill and leadership displayed by Captain Lamb have been an example for his fellow flyers and his actions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

EDWARD T. O'GRADY, O-670220, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardier of a Group formation on a mission over Germany, 29 January 1944. Just after the bombing run, Lieutenant O'Grady discovered that three armed incendiaries were bouncing around in the bomb-bay. Realizing the danger to his aircraft, he ordered the bomb-bay doors to be opened and then, working over the open bomb-bay, attempted to push the three incendiaries out. Unsuccessful in this, Lieutenant O'Grady closed the door, went into the bomb-bay and defused the live bombs. Having accomplished this, he attached shackles to the bombs and assisted by the radio operator, put them back in the racks. During the whole of this operation he was forced to rely upon an emergency supply of oxygen. The courage, skill and disregard for personal safety displayed by Lieutenant O'Grady in rectifying a situation which threatened the aircraft and crew reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

LAWRENCE R. STEVENSON, 39388964, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Ball Turret Gunner of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 6 March 1944. After leaving the target one engine of the plane failed, forcing the pilot to leave the formation. Enemy fighters attacked and succeeded in knocking out a second engine, disabling the tail guns, damaging the entire tail assembly and killing the top turret gunner. During this attack, Sergeant Stevenson destroyed one enemy fighter. When the pilot put the plane into a steep dive, four members of the crew, thinking the plane doomed, bailed out. Leaving the ball turret, which had become inoperative, Sergeant Stevenson manned both of the waist guns during the remainder of the mission. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Stevenson materially aided in the safe return of his aircraft. Entered military service from Idaho.

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JAMES ANTHONY ZICCARELLI, O-736817, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardier for a Section of B-24 airplanes on a mission over Germany, 24 February 1944. As the formation approached the target area, enemy fighters made persistent and vicious frontal attacks, trying desperately to scatter the bombers. In spite of the fiercest enemy opposition, Lieutenant Zicarelli coolly concentrated on his instruments and released his bombs accurately on the assigned target. The Section, bombing on his release, wrought great destruction on an important enemy installation. The courage, coolness under fire and technical skill displayed by Lieutenant Zicarelli were in a large measure responsible for the high degree of success achieved. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message #2139, Hq USSAFE, 11 January 1944, the SOLDIER'S MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Enlisted Men:

WILLIAM R. ELROD, 34653018, Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For heroism displayed at a bomber station in England, 5 March 1944. Entered military service from South Carolina.

RICHARD A. LUND, 11021215, Corporal, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For heroism displayed at a bomber station in England, 25 February 1944. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

RUSSELL P. SHUPP, 36172786, Private First-Class, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For heroism displayed at a bomber station in England, 25 February 1944. Entered military service from Michigan.

ROBERT TSCHIEPNER, 12037738, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For heroism displayed at a fighter station in England, 28 February 1944. Entered military service from New York.

V. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message #2139, Hq USSAFE, 11 January 1944, the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officers:

JOHN THEODORE CAMERON, O-728973, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Cameron reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from California.

ERNEST E. JOHNSTON, O-2044910, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Johnston reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

VI. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message #2139, Hq USSAFE, 11 January 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following-named Officers in addition to the AIR MEDAL previously awarded:

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SERGEANT MAURICE ADAMS, O-2044632, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Adams reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Nebraska.

GEORGE W. BARTHOLOMEW, O-2044940, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five bombardment missions over enemy occupied Europe, as a Cameraman. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Bartholomew reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN SHERIDAN BLYTH, O-2044635, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Blyth reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Oregon.

DANIEL WILLIAM BURROWS, O-729807, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Burrows reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Minnesota.

ROBERT JAMES DIXON, O-366100, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Dixon reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

NORRIS ELBERT HARTWELL, JR., O-729166, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Major Hartwell reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Wyoming.

CLARK JAMES HAWES, O-2044642, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Hawes reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

GEORGE ASBURY LAWSON, O-436518, Lieutenant-Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Colonel Lawson reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Tennessee.

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CHARLES FELL PARKER, O-386136, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Parker reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

EDWARD BUDD PARSONS, O-746165, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Parsons reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Illinois.

WALTER DALE SHADE, O-726489, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Shade reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

WALTER JOSEPH SIMON, O-726496, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Simon reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

EUGENE P. SNYDER, O-2044646, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction five photographic reconnaissance missions over enemy occupied Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Snyder reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

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