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I. 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, posthumously, to the following named Enlisted Man.

RAYMOND J. HENN, 12040743, Staff Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Waist Gunner on a B-17 airplane on eighteen bombing missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. Sergeant Henn displayed exceptional courage, coolness and great skill, his actions, under most hazardous conditions, being an inspiration to his fellow comrades. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sergeant Henn on these occasions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Frank Henn (Father), 29-39 67th Street, Middletown, Long Island, New York.

II. 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, posthumously, to the following named Officer, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded.

ROBERT K. FLYNN, 0-727327, 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 territory, 15 February 1943. Before reaching the target the airplane was so badly damaged by antiaircraft fire that it was forced to leave the formation. Enemy fighter planes immediately attacked in large

WILLIAM G. DICKSON, 37068898, Staff Sergeant, 324th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For Heroism: Shortly after turning homeward from a bombing attack on a city in Germany, 4 March 1943, the Flying Fortress Bomber on which Sergeant Dickson was serving as Engineer was forced by enemy action to a crash landing in the icy waters of the North Sea. Sergeant Dickson took his post in preparation for the crash landing after aiding and directing other crew members to safest positions about the airplane. Upon landing, the airplane partially broke-up, placing the entire crew, especially the wounded, in imminent danger of drowning. Working coolly and tirelessly, Sergeant Dickson assisted the wounded to leave the airplane and when all were safely away secured the Emergency Radio Set and swam to the nearest dinghy only to discover that it was not inflated. After twenty minutes work, Sergeant Dickson successfully inflated the dinghy and aided some wounded crew members to get on board; seeing that the other dinghy was not inflated and that other crew members were in danger, he bravely left his position of comparative safety, swam to and began working to inflate that dinghy and save these men. After all survivors had been assisted by him to places in the dinghys, Sergeant Dickson set-up and began operation of the Emergency Radio Set, which action was entirely responsible for the final rescue of the entire group. The heroism, leadership, cool judgement and devotion to his comrades and duty displayed by Sergeant Dickson, in this critical hour, uphold the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Selma, Arkansas.

V. 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.

BRUCE DEBO BARTON, O-437941, Captain, 91st Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of the lead airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 4 March 1943. Enemy fighter airplanes attacked incessantly in large numbers causing unusually heavy damage to the formation. Displaying great courage and skill against terrific odds, Captain Barton continued on to successfully bomb a highly important military objective. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Barton on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 11 Wilton Street, Greenville, South Carolina.

GEORGE R. BUCKEY, O-427126, Captain, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 9 November 1942. Before reaching the objective anti-aircraft fire shattered the instrument panel, set one engine afire, cut a number of control cables and did other serious damage. Displaying great courage and airmanship, Captain Buckey, by skilful maneuvering, maintained his position in the formation and continued on to successfully bomb the target. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Buckey on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Box 874, Comanche, Texas.

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THOMAS P. CRAMER, O-23925, Captain, 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 enemy occupied Continental Europe, 15 February 1943. As a result of severe damage caused by anti-aircraft fire, the airplane was forced to leave the formation. Enemy fighter planes immediately attacked in large numbers, disabling all but one engine. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Captain Cramer returned his heavily damaged airplane to the coast of England and accomplished a crash landing without further injury to his crew. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Cramer on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 5701 Chevy Chase, Parkway, Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM DAWSON BEASLEY, O-442764, 1st Lieutenant, 91st Bombardment Group (H), 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 1943. Enemy fighter airplanes attacked incessantly in large numbers causing unusually heavy damage to the formation before the objective was reached. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Lieutenant Beasley continued on to successfully bomb a highly important military objective and returned his airplane, with three engines disabled, to his home base without injury to any member of his crew. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Beasley on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 107 W. Westland St., Tampa, Florida.

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CARROLL D. BRISCOE, O-441827, 1st Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 8 March 1943. Before reaching the objective the airplane sustained severe damage from enemy aircraft fire. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Lieutenant Briscoe, despite the serious damage to his airplane, successfully bombed the target and returned to a friendly base without further injury to his plane or crew. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Briscoe on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 3606 Olive St., Texarkana, Texas.

ALBERT R. KUEHL, O-438009, 1st Lieutenant, 305th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 8 March 1943. Before reaching the target enemy fighter airplanes attacked in large numbers, causing serious damage to the plane and wounding a large number of the crew. Displaying great courage and skilful airmanship, Lieutenant Kuehl continued on to successfully bomb the objective. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Lieutenant Kuehl in returning his plane to a friendly base, reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: Route 2, Box 53, Riesel, Texas.

VI. 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 for extraordinary achievement, as set forth in citations in each instance. These individuals have previously earned the Air Medal and Three Oak Leaf Clusters for wear therewith.

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FRANK D. YAUSSEI, O-726100, Captain, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while serving as Group Bombardier on a bombing mission over enemy occupied Continental Europe, 6 March 1943. Displaying great courage and exceptional skill, Captain Yaussi released his bombs directly on a heavily defended military installation. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Captain Yaussi contributed to the effective bombing of the target and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Home address: 501 Galer Place, Glendale, California.

Citation: For meritorious achievement while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by these Officers and Enlisted Men upon these occasions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

RAYMOND Y. KURTZ, JR., O-727023, 1st Lieutenant, 91st Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 84-61, 248th St., Bellerose, New York.

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EUGENE J. POLLOCK, O-724068, 1st Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 2424 Valmont St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

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GEORGE J. SPELMAN, O-660527, 1st Lieutenant, 306th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 131 Elm St., Holyoke, Massachusetts.

RICHARD L. HARE, 38069052, Technical Sergeant, 91st Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Monahans, Texas.

FRANCIS G. HINDS, 11007959, Technical Sergeant, 353rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 19 Guild Rd., Framingham, Massachusetts.

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PARLEY D. SMALL, 37190920, Technical Sergeant, 369th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Packwood, Iowa.

JOE F. WARD, 34107345, Technical Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: RFD #2, Slocum, Alabama.

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ANDREW BEZAK, 15069851, Technical Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 346 Lincoln Ave., Lingo Jct., Ohio.

CHARLES M. COUNTS, 35040617, Staff Sergeant, 423rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 1175 South Union St., Lima, Ohio.

CHARLES F. FEHR, 38023354, Technical Sergeant, 363th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 703 N. 3rd, Madill, Oklahoma.

REGINALD G. HARRIS, 13061367, Staff Sergeant, 369th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 529 Camille St., Houston, Texas.

JACK O. BANTA, 20633913, Staff Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Route #3, New Kirk, Oklahoma.

DAVID T. COLLIE, 34180386, Staff Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Box 172, Clifton, Tennessee.

NORMAN GILKEY, 39172909, Staff Sergeant, 365th Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 719 East Summit Street, Butte, Montana.

HENRY G. HAYES, JR., 14053968, Staff Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Cotton Valley, Louisiana.

HERBERT H. GENTRY, 14046422, Staff Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 2524 E. Fifth Ave., Knoxville, Tennessee.

PATRICK H. MC ATEE JR., 35041343, Staff Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 535 N. Green St., Henderson, Kentucky.

MILFORD L. SPEARS, 37136575, Sergeant, 44th Bombardment Group (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: 816 West Walnut, Springfield, Missouri.

JAMES B. FARRAR, 18049941, Sergeant, 323rd Bombardment Squadron (H), Army Air Forces, United States Army. Home address: Talala, Oklahoma.