

WILLIAM J. NUGENT, JR., O-829284, First Lieutenant, 32nd Bomb Sq, 301st Bomb Gp. For gallantry in action as pilot of a B-17 type aircraft. On 12 April 1945, Lt Nugent participated in a bombing mission against a vital communication installation in Italy. On the bombing run his aircraft encountered intense, accurate and heavy enemy anti-aircraft fire which seriously wounded Lt Nugent in the right shoulder and severely cut his co-pilot in the head. Although suffering from severe shock and bleeding profusely, Lt Nugent courageously held his bomber on course and continued through the enemy fire for a highly successful bombing run. Despite damage to his aircraft which forced him to leave the formation, Lt Nugent skilfully returned his bomber through bad weather to land safely at base without further damage to the plane or injury to the crew. By his conspicuous gallantry, professional skill and devotion to duty as evidenced throughout twenty-five (25) successful sorties against the enemy, Lt Nugent has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Petersburg, New York.