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SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Gircular No. 89, Headquarters MATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded the following named personnel, Air Corps, United States Army, position, date of act and residence as indicated, with the following citation:

For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight against the enemy in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. Throughout the extensive air offensive against the enemy in the direct support of our ground troops and against targets of vital strategic importance deep in hostlle territory, the personnel listed below, through their aggressiveness and courage, have consistently aided in the success of combat operations. Against heavy opposition from both aggressive and persistent fighter aircraft and intense, heavy and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire, with their planes frequently seriously damaged by enemy fire, they have battled their way through to their targets, defeating the enemy in the air and destroying his vital installations on the ground. Through severe and adverse weather conditions, over treacherous mountain terrain, they have continually surmounted overwhelming obstacles for successful completion of their assigned missions to attack and destroy the enemy. Through their outstanding leadership and personal example, completely disregarding their personal safety at times of great danger though at times seriously wounded in the heroic performance of their duties, they have contributed to the ultimate defeat of the armed forces of the enemy. Their conspicuous and outstanding achievements in these many missions against the enemy have uphold the highest traditions of the Hillitary Service, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

HARVEY E. BAER, O-665974, First Lieutenant, 419th Bomb Sq, 301st Bomb Gp, Derver, Colorado. Pathfinder Operator, Germany, 11 November 1944.

CURTIS T. CHURCH, 0-2058415, First Lieutenant, 340th Bomb Sq, 97th Bomb Gp, Minnesota City, Minnesota. Navigator, Germany, 16 December 1944.

NORRIS J. DOMANGUE, JR., 0-719900, First Lieutenant, 347th Bomb Sq, 99th Bomb Gp, Memphis, Tennessee. Navigator, Germany, 22 September 1944.

LLOYD J. DOUGLAS, 0-557006, First Lieutenant, 419th Bomb Sq, 301st Bomb Gp, Menlo Park, California. Pilot, Germany, 2 December 1944.

OLOYD W. KERR, 0-713471, First Lieutenant, 825th Bomb Sq, 484th Eomb Gp, Arkansas City, Kansas. Co-pilot, Austria, 22 August 1944.

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JAMES B. MC KENNON, O-811105, First Lieutenant, 347th Bomb Sq, 99th Bomb Gp, Paris. Tennossec. Pilot, Germany, 22 September 1944.

WALLACE R. ROBERTS, 0-770790, First Lieutenant, 777th Bomb Sq, 464th Bomb Gp, Watsonville, Galifornia. Pilot, Austria, 17 October 1944.

JACK H. VAN DORTUM, 0-557930, First Lieutonant, 352nd Bomb Sq, 301st Bomb Gp, Los Angeles, California. Navigator, Germany, 27 August 1944.

EUGENE G. WHEATLEY, O-812385, First Lieutenant, 414th Bomb Sq, 97th Bomb Gp, Tampa, Florida. Pilot, Austria, 27 December 1944.

RUSSELL R. BOLTON, JR., 0-710420, Second Lieutenant, 027th Bomb Sq, 484th Bomb Gp, Morgantown, West Virginia. Pilot, Germany, 17 December 1944.

HAROLD L. BOUGE, 37667799, Technical Sergeant, 414th Bomb Sq, 97th Bomb Gp, Salem, Iowa. Engineer, Austria, 29 December 1944.

· LAURENCE C. GIBBONS, 11093355, Technical Sergeant, 352nd Bomb Sq, 301st Bomb Gp, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. Gunner, Austria, 10 September 1944.

ROBERT W. HULTMAN, 19159284, Staff Sorgeant, 760th Bomb Sq, 460th Bomb Gp, Glendale, California. Engineer, Germany, 12 December 1944.

By command of Major General TWINING:

R. K. TAYLOR, Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff.

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