

ALLEN D. SOUTH, 37496588, Technical Sergeant, 32nd Bomb Sq, 301st Bomb Gp. For heroism at great risk of life at an Allied air base in Italy. On 12 April 1945, while landing after a successful bombing of military installations in Italy, Sgt South's flak damaged B-17 type aircraft crashed into a row of aircraft parked along a crash strip. Although he was severely burned in the ensuing fire,

Sgt South, with complete disregard for his own safety and injuries, gallantly beat out the fire enveloping a fellow crew member. By his courageous exposure of himself to the rapidly spreading fire as well as exploding ammunition, oxygen and gasoline, Sgt South was further severely burned, but probably saved his crewmate from death. By his outstanding courage, utter disregard for personal safety and devotion to duty, Sgt South has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at enlistment: Centerville, Missouri.