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I. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Paragraph 2b, Section I, Circular 56, Hq ETOUSA, 27 May 1944, and Letter, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, File No. 200.6, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 23 September 1944, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following-named Officers and Enlisted Men:

FREDERIC H. MILLER, JR., O-20416, Colonel, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Command Pilot of heavy bombardment formations on many missions to enemy occupied territory. Colonel Miller's skilful leadership and sound judgment in guiding his formations to heavily defended targets requiring deep penetrations have been major factors in the successful destruction of these vital enemy installations. The outstanding tactical ability displayed by Colonel Miller reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Indiana.

JOHN P. OLSON, O-755233, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Navigator of a B-24 aircraft on a bombing mission to Germany, 22 April 1944. Lieutenant Olson, although wounded in enemy fighter attacks, beat out a fire in the nose and assisted in an attempt to repair the damaged nose turret gun. He then went to the flight deck, received first aid treatment for his burned hands, and continued to perform his duties as Navigator until the aircraft was safely out of enemy territory, contributing materially to the safe return of his aircraft and crew. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Olson on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

WILLIAM A. SHADE, O-732078, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Fighter Pilot on a strafing mission to enemy occupied territory. Lieutenant Shade was flying as wingman to the Squadron Leader and in strafing the field on their first pass his aircraft sustained serious flak damage to the propeller, engine, right wing, and canopy. Disregarding the damage to his aircraft he continued on to press home a vigorous attack and destroyed a Ju-88. In continuing on to fulfill his assigned task after sustaining serious battle damage, Lieutenant Shade exhibited extraordinary heroism reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri.

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Citation: For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardiers on many heavy bombardment missions over enemy occupied territory and Germany. The coolness and exceptional bombing skill displayed by the following Officers in the face of heavy enemy opposition have been major factors in the successful completion of these missions. Their devotion to duty and determination reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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| <u>DOHN G. THOMPSON</u> | O-741423 | 1st Lt. | Shreveport, Louisiana  |
| <u>JOHN S. LAWRENCE</u> | O-752736 | 1st Lt. | White Plains, New York |

WILLIAM J. BAILEY, JR., O-1165469, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a P-24 aircraft on a bombing mission to enemy occupied territory, 12 June 1944. Lieutenant Bailey's aircraft encountered intense flak which severely damaged the controls, oxygen system, and ignited a fire in the bomb bay. Unable to maintain formation, Lieutenant Bailey's aircraft was further subjected to aggressive attacks by enemy fighters who scored several hits with 20mm explosive shells. Supervising the extinguishing of the fire Lieutenant Bailey found a target of opportunity and after several unsuccessful attempts was able to release his bombs. After losing 16,000 feet of altitude and unable to maintain sufficient control to enable him to return to friendly territory, Lieutenant Bailey and the remainder of his crew were forced to leave the aircraft. The determination, skill, and flying ability displayed by Lieutenant Bailey on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

ROBERT E. CLOUGHLEY, O-700599, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 aircraft on a heavy bombardment mission to Germany, 11 September 1944. Lieutenant Cloughley's aircraft was attacked by three enemy fighters forcing his aircraft to drop from the formation. The radio equipment was destroyed, the interphone system shot out and a gas leak developed in the bomb bay. Lieutenant Cloughley skilfully maintained control of his crippled aircraft and navigated his way back to friendly territory where a safe landing was effected. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Cloughley on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Kansas.

MILES D. INGERSOLL, 36455361, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Engineer of a B-24 aircraft on a bombardment mission to Germany, 12 July 1944. Sergeant Ingersoll was severely wounded in both legs as his aircraft suffered flak damage on the bomb run. Observing the Radio Operator directly below him on the cat walk, Sergeant Ingersoll held tenaciously to his turret until the bomb bay doors were closed. Releasing his hold Sergeant Ingersoll fell to the floor below where he immediately received first aid treatment. During the remainder of the flight back to base, Sergeant Ingersoll supervised the transfer of fuel and other aerial engineering duties performed by various crew members. The courage, coolness, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Ingersoll on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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FRANK P. LIMBERT, 12120307, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Aerial Engineer of a B-24 aircraft on a heavy bombardment mission to Germany, 6 August 1944. Over the target, Sergeant Limbert's aircraft was severely damaged by flak. One of the fuel tanks was punctured, fuel lines cut and leaking, hydraulic lines severed and the elevator control cable was cut. Fully aware of the danger involved, Sergeant Limbert removed his oxygen mask and parachute and entered the bomb bay. Leaning out over the open bomb bay doors he transferred the remaining gasoline from the punctured tanks, patched the elevator cable, hydraulic and fuel lines, and brought hydraulic fluid in his helmet from the ball turret hydraulic system to replace that which had been lost. The courage, skill and disregard for personal safety displayed by Sergeant Limbert on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

CECIL T. ROTHROCK, 31139588, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as waist gunner of a B-24 aircraft on a bombing mission to Germany, 6 August 1944. The parachute of a flare bomb became entangled on release with the flare dangling in the slip stream. Sergeant Rothrock, realizing the danger to the bomber from the ignited flare, lowered himself through the camera hatch to cut away the bomb. The shroud lines of the chute were still threatening to foul the control surfaces of the empennage and Sergeant Rothrock cut each line until the chute blew free of the bomber. The courage and coolness displayed by Sergeant Rothrock on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Paragraph 2b, Section I, Circular 56, Hq ETOUSA, 27 May 1944, and Letter, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, File No. 200.6, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 23 September 1944, the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded posthumously to the following-named Officer and Enlisted Man:

JOHN O. COCKEY, JR., O-433478, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Command Pilot of heavy bombardment formations on many missions to enemy occupied territory. Major Cockey's skilful leadership and sound judgment in guiding his formations to heavily defended targets requiring deep penetrations have been major factors in the successful destruction of these vital enemy installations. The outstanding tactical ability displayed by Major Cockey reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Stewart Cockey, Jr., 1701 North Front Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

ARTHUR L. ARSHIER, 17121589, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Engineer of a B-24 aircraft on a bombardment mission to enemy occupied territory, 2 August 1944.

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Sergeant Abshier's aircraft was hit by flak knocking out three of its engines and damaging the hydraulic and electrical systems. Sergeant Abshier transferred fuel from the dead engines to the remaining live engine during the trip back. When it was apparent the pilot was going to attempt a landing, Sergeant Abshier volunteered to lower the landing gear manually. In so doing he unselfishly endangered himself and lost his life when the aircraft crash landed. The courage, devotion to duty and unselfish risk of life displayed by Sergeant Abshier on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mr. E. Abshier (father), 1526 N. 18th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Paragraph 2b, Section I, Circular 56, Hq ETOUSA, 27 May 1944, and Letter, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, File No. 200.6, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 23 September 1944, the OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following-named Officers:

MALCOLM K. MARTIN, O-424978, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Air Commander of heavy bombardment formations on a mission to Germany, 9 August 1944. Major Martin's skilful leadership and sound judgment in guiding his formations to this heavily defended target requiring deep penetration were major factors in the successful destruction of this vital enemy installation. The outstanding tactical ability displayed by Major Martin reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

JOHN R. DOWSWELL, O-435675, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Co-Pilot of a B-24 aircraft on a bombing mission to Germany, 11 September 1944. The aircraft in which Major Dowswell was serving as Co-Pilot sustained several damaging strikes in the No. 1 engine and other vital control surfaces from anti-aircraft fire. After several determined attempts to gain altitude, the Pilot ordered the crew to bail out. Major Dowswell volunteered to take a desperate gamble in an effort to salvage this highly valuable aircraft. Assuming control and alone at altitude of 400 feet, Major Dowswell demonstrated superior flying skill and superb courage in bringing this aircraft safely back to home base where he effected a brilliant landing without the aid of a Co-Pilot or aerial engineer. The determined devotion to duty, courage and outstanding flying ability displayed by Major Dowswell on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

THOMAS P. SEGLER, JR., O-668795, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Navigator of a heavy bombardment formation on a bombing mission over enemy occupied territory, 13 August 1944. Before reaching the initial point of the bomb run, Captain Segler received a shoulder injury from two flak fragments. Captain Segler remained in his position and guided the bombardier to two tactical targets which

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were bombed with devastating results. Although in severe pain, Captain Segler remained at a gun position until the formation left the enemy coast before accepting first aid treatment. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Segler on this occasion reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Florida.

Citation: For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Pilots on many bombardment missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. Displaying great devotion to duty and skill, the following Officers have materially aided in successfully completing each of these missions. Their leadership has been an inspiring example for their fellow flyers. The courage, coolness and exceptional skill displayed by these Officers on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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| <u>RAYMOND L. CRAIG</u>    | O-424920 | Capt. | Asheville, North Carolina |
| <u>ORRIS F. WARRINGTON</u> | O-725827 | Capt. | Estherville, Iowa         |

Citation: For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Navigators on many heavy bombardment missions to Germany and enemy occupied territory. The following Officers have displayed superior navigational ability in overcoming adverse weather conditions to lead their formations to successfully bomb targets requiring deep penetrations. The skill and devotion to duty displayed by these Officers on these many occasions reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States:

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| <u>PETER P. KARAPIN</u>  | O-435398 | 1st Lt. | Aliquippa, Pennsylvania |
| <u>RAYMOND L. KOENIG</u> | O-690452 | 1st Lt. | Omaha, Nebraska         |
| <u>EUGENE E. MASSY</u>   | O-755192 | 1st Lt. | Los Angeles, California |

IV. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Paragraph 2b, Section I, Circular 56, Hq ETOUSA, 27 May 1944, and Letter, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, File No. 200.6, Subject: "Awards and Decorations", 23 September 1944, the 4th OAK LEAF CLUSTER to the AIR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named Officer:

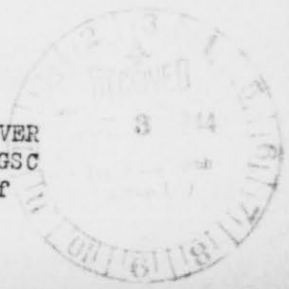
CHARLES A. DUDLEY, O-815671, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For meritorious achievement, while serving as Fighter Pilot on a low-level mission to enemy occupied territory. Flying at a zero altitude on a "Rhubarb" mission, Lieutenant Dudley's aircraft was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Dudley successfully attacked and effectively silenced four flak positions. In returning to base with his badly damaged aircraft, Lieutenant Dudley exhibited great skill and courage reflecting the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Ohio.

By command of Major General KEPNER:

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 Major AGD  
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