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CITATION

THE 458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) IS CITED FOR DISTINGUISHED AND EXCEPTIONALLY OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN COMBAT IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS FROM 2 MARCH 1944 TO 26 FEBRUARY 1945. DURING THIS PERIOD OF TWO HUNDRED (200) MISSIONS, THE 458TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) ATTACKED ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY (130) TARGETS IN GERMANY, SEVENTY (70) TARGETS IN ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY, AND DESPITE ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIMES, RELEASED OVER TEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (10,600) TONS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES AND INCENDIARIES ON VITAL ENEMY INSTALLATIONS, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING MATERIALLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE AERIAL WAR. OVERCOMING FIERCE ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION ON MANY OCCASIONS IN ORDER TO REACH THEIR ASSIGNED OBJECTIVE, THE GUNNERS OF THIS GROUP DESTROYED TWENTY-EIGHT (28) ENEMY AIRCRAFT. THE EXCELLENT TEAMWORK, UNTIRING DEVOTION TO DUTY, AND SKILL DISPLAYED BY BOTH AIR AND GROUND PERSONNEL IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS RECORD REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON THEMSELVES, THEIR ORGANIZATION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES.

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