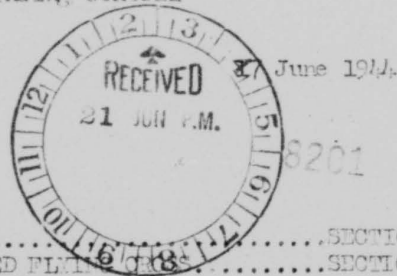


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GENERAL ORDER)
NUMBER 99)

AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....SECTION I
AWARD OF ONE LEAF CLUSTER TO DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....SECTION II

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, Headquarters ETOUSA, 27 May 1944, and Letter, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, file 200.6, 1 June 1944, subject: "Awards and Decorations", the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

CHESTER B. MACKETT, JR., O-406683, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Pilot on many missions to enemy occupied territory. The skilful piloting demonstrated by Major Mackett while bombing targets requiring deep penetrations has been a material factor in the success of each of these missions. In the face of aggressive enemy fighter attacks and intense ground defenses, Major Mackett has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and superior flying ability. The devotion to duty and airmanship displayed by this Officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from South Carolina.

CHARLES B. STRINGFELLOW, O-416361, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Pilot on many missions to Germany and enemy occupied territory. The skilful piloting demonstrated by Major Stringfellow while bombing targets requiring deep penetrations has been a material factor in the success of each of these missions. In the face of aggressive enemy fighter attacks and intense ground defenses, Major Stringfellow has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and superior flying ability. The devotion to duty and airmanship displayed by this Officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Virginia.

LESTER H. THOMPSON, O-1699234, Major, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Pilot on many bombing missions over enemy occupied territory. The skilful piloting demonstrated by Major Thompson while bombing targets requiring deep penetrations has been a material factor in the success of each of these missions. In the face of aggressive enemy fighter attacks and intense ground defenses, Major Thompson has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and superior flying ability. The devotion to duty and airmanship displayed by this Officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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WALIN R. WOODWARD, O-418089, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Pilot on many bombing missions over Germany and enemy occupied territory. The skilful piloting demonstrated by Captain Woodward while bombing targets requiring deep penetrations has been a material factor in the success of each of these missions. In the face of aggressive enemy fighter attacks and intense ground defenses, Captain Woodward has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and superior flying ability. The devotion to duty and airmanship displayed by this Officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Texas.

HENRY E. MOREFIELD, O-742763, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Pilot on many bombing missions over enemy occupied territory. The skilful piloting demonstrated by Lieutenant Morefield while bombing targets requiring deep penetrations has been a material factor in the success of each of these missions. In the face of aggressive enemy fighter attacks and intense ground defenses, Lieutenant Morefield has displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and superior flying ability. The devotion to duty and airmanship displayed by this Officer reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Idaho.

MURRAY J. DE GENNARO, O-811406, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Navigator on many missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. Displaying great courage and skill, Lieutenant DeGennaro has performed his duties as Navigator with exceptional ability and determination, and has materially aided in the successful completion of each of these missions. The courage, coolness, and skill displayed by Lieutenant DeGennaro on all these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

LESTER C. MARTIN, O-813927, Second Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 aircraft on a bombing mission to Germany, 27 May 1944. Lieutenant Martin's aircraft collided with another B-24 as the formation was assembling over the North Sea. Seven feet of the right wing was broken and left hanging at a 60 degree angle, and the aircraft went into a spin. Lieutenant Martin courageously remained at the controls and with superior skill righted the aircraft, returning it to base without further damage or injury to the crew. The superior flying skill and cool courage demonstrated by Lieutenant Martin on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Alabama.

JOHN F. EKSTROM, 16151983, Technical Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while serving as Engineer of a lead B-24 aircraft on a bombing mission to Germany, 28 April 1944. The bomb bay doors of Sergeant Ekstrom's aircraft were found to be jammed as the ship arrived at the IP. At an altitude of 20,000 feet and with the temperature at minus 16 degrees centigrade, Sergeant Ekstrom volunteered to manually open the bomb bay doors. Removing his flak suit and parachute, he proceeded to the rear of the bomb bay and while cranking the doors open,

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lost his oxygen mask. Undaunted by these adverse conditions and fully aware of the injuries he might incur, Sergeant Ekstrom completed his elected assignment enabling the lead aircraft to successfully bomb the target with excellent results. The devotion to duty, courage, and outstanding ability displayed by Sergeant Ekstrom on this occasion were contributing factors in the success of this mission and reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

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, Headquarters SACUSA, 27 May 1944, and Letter, Headquarters Eighth Air Force, file 209.6, 1 June 1944, subject; "Awards and Decorations", the OLIVE DRAB CLUSTER to the DESERVE-WEARIED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named Officer:

BERNARD H. KASNIA, O-683020, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-24 aircraft on a bombing mission to Germany, 22 April 1944. Lieutenant Kasnia completed the bomb run despite the loss of No. 2 engine. Straggling, Lieutenant Kasnia's aircraft encountered savage enemy fighter opposition causing damage to tail controls and flaps and forcing him to a minimum altitude. Flying at tree top level, Lieutenant Kasnia skillfully avoided light enemy ground defenses and flew the return trip across the Channel. Lieutenant Kasnia expertly landed his crippled aircraft without benefit of brakes and without further injury to the crew members or damage to the aircraft. The courage, coolness, and flying skill displayed on this occasion by Lieutenant Kasnia reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Michigan.

By command of Brigadier General HODGES:

CHARLES B. WESTOVER
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICER:
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GEORGE H. PAUL,
Major, AGC,
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