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SECTION I -- AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (MISSING IN ACTION)

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, Headquarters NATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded the following named officer, Air Corps, United States Army, who is missing in action, residence and citation as indicated.

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PHILIP F. MC LAUGHLIN, O-669765, Captain, 757th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a B-24 type aircraft. On 26 June 1944, Capt McLaughlin participated in a bombardment mission against vitally important enemy installations in Austria. Enroute to the target, he was forced to drop out of the protective formation when one (1) engine became inoperative and another caught on fire. Disregarding the dangerous possibility of an explosion and the susceptibility to enemy fighters and anti-aircraft fire, Capt McLaughlin courageously cut short of the formation and made an individual bombing run, thus aiding materially in the destruction of this vital enemy installation. With a further display of great professional skill, courage, coolness and devotion to duty, he piloted his crippled aircraft safely to home base and landed without further injury to aircraft or crew. Through this display of courage, coolness, flying skill and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout his flying career, Capt McLaughlin has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Billings, Montana. Next of kin: Mrs. John McLaughlin, (Mother), Route # 3, Billings, Montana.

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For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as pilot and co-pilot of a B-24 type aircraft, while participating in a highly strategic bombardment mission against important enemy installations in Austria on 26 June 1944. Through a display of cooperation, teamwork and great professional skill, these officers courageously fought through and successfully bombed the objective despite concentrated attacks by thirty-five (35) highly aggressive enemy aircraft and intense enemy anti-aircraft fire which rendered great damage to their aircraft. With a further display of teamwork and professional skill, these pilots maintained their formation position, despite the crippled condition of their aircraft, and