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AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, Headquarters MATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded the following named officers, Air Corps, United States Army, position, date of act and residence as indicated, with the following citation:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Throughout many long and hazardous combat missions against vital strategic targets deep in enemy occupied territory, though confronted by heavy enemy opposition from highly aggressive fighters and intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, the personnel listed below have consistently displayed outstanding courage, aggressiveness and intense devotion to duty throughout all engagements. With their aircraft frequently severely damaged by heavy enemy fire, these men have courageously remained at their stations, battling their way through to their targets to aid materially in the utter destruction of vitally important enemy installations and supplies. Hoodless of severe and adverse weather conditions encountered over rugged mountainous terrain and surmounting many other major obstacles that faced them during these hazardous missions, these men have gallantly engaged, fought and defeated the enemy with complete disregard for their personal safety and against overwhelming odds. The conspicuous and extraordinary achievements throughout these many missions against the enemy have been of incalculable value to successful combat operations and have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

PAUL W. GANSZ, O-668437, Captain, 757th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Buffalo, New York. Pilot, Germany, 22 August 1944.

JOHN GAWA, O-698189, Captain, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Detroit, Michigan. Radar Navigator-Bombardier, Germany, 23 October 1944.

ALLEN R. SMITH, O-1031026, Captain, 757th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Bonham, Texas. Pilot, Germany, 16 December 1944.

ROBERT G. ADAMS, O-824067, First Lieutenant, 758th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Pilot, Austria, 8 January 1945.

ROBERT R. BROWN, O-717874, First Lieutenant, 757th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Charleston, West Virginia. Bombardier, Germany, 4 October 1944.

JOHN T. COBB, O-445758, First Lieutenant, 757th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Macon, Georgia. Pilot, Austria, 4 March 1945.

CHARLES C. CONN, O-772940, First Lieutenant, 742nd Bomb Sq, 455th Bomb Gp, Ventura, California. Bombardier, Yugoslavia, 16 November 1944.

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