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SECTION I - AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL, POSTHUMOUS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 73, MTOUSA, 12 May 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted man, Air Corps, Army of the United States, residence and citation as indicated:

ALBERT L. CEMBALISTY, 31417270, Sergeant, 758th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp. For heroism at great risk of life while returning from a bombing mission over Germany on 5 February 1945. As his aircraft was flying over the sea, the engines began to sputter and rather than risk a fatal crash in the sea, the pilot ditched the aircraft while he could still control it. The ditching was successful and when the plane hit the water, Sgt Cembalistry was in the waist section. Disregarding his own personal safety and thinking always of his comrades, Sgt Cembalistry displayed great heroism and courage as he worked feverishly assisting the others from the stricken aircraft and then staying behind to break out the rescue equipment. After making sure that his comrades were out of the plane, Sgt Cembalistry started to crawl through the waist window. In doing so, he ripped his "Mae West". Through loss of strength the heavy clothing he was wearing and the fact that he had no buoyant support, Sgt Cembalistry quickly submerged in the cold icy waters and despite all efforts of his fellow crew men to locate him, he could not be found. By his heroism, courageous actions and devotion to duty, Sgt Cembalistry has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at enlistment: Northfield, Massachusetts. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth Cembalistry, (Wife) Route #2, Northfield, Massachusetts.

SECTION II - AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 73, MTOUSA, 12 May 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named personnel, Air Corps, Army of the United States, residence and citation as indicated:

ALVA S. NEIGHBOURS, O-423961, Major, 774th Bomb Sq, 463rd Bomb Gp. For heroism at great risk of life at an Allied air base in Italy. On 10 April 1945, a heavy bomber, loaded with fragmentation bombs, crashed and burst into flames while attempting a take off. Despite the imminent danger of exploding fuel tanks and the potential menace of the bombs, Major Neighbours rushed to the scene of the accident. As he approached the plane, the undamaged fuel tanks exploded, sending a further shower of liquid flame over the remains of the bombs. Then the bombs began to explode and fragments of metal were sent hurdling through the air. Completely oblivious of the danger to his person, and intent on rescuing anyone trapped in the wreckage, Major Neighbours fought his way forward, entered the waist door and discovered the inert body of a gunner by his weapon. Heaving the body to his shoulders, Major Neighbours fought his way back to

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