

R E S T R I C T E D

CGO #3519, Hq Fifteenth Air Force, 5 June 1945 (cont'd)

The fragmentation bombs began to detonate and fragments of metal were sent hurdling through the air. Completely oblivious of the danger to his person and intent only on rescuing the shocked and injured gunners, Sgt Nelson continued forward to comparative safety clear of the crash. By his heroic action and devotion to duty, Sgt Nelson has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at enlistment: Mead, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM J. DE YOUNG, 13177841, Staff 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 plane while he could still control it. The ditching was successful and when the plane hit the water, Sgt DeYoung was in the waist section. Disregarding his own personal safety and thinking always of his comrades, Sgt DeYoung displayed great heroism and courage as he worked unceasingly to assist his comrades from the stricken aircraft. After assisting in breaking loose the rescue equipment, Sgt DeYoung then stayed in the icy water until all other men were aboard the life raft before getting on himself. Through his heroism, courage and devotion to duty, Sgt DeYoung has upheld the highest traditions of the Military Service thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at enlistment: Easton, Pennsylvania.

SEYMOUR J. EISEN, 12120901, Sergeant, 758th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp. For heroism at great risk of life while returning from a combat 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 plane while he could still control it. The ditching was successful and when the plane hit the water, Sgt Eisen was in the flight deck section of the aircraft. Disregarding his own personal safety and thinking always of his comrades, Sgt Eisen displayed great heroism and courage as he worked feverishly assisting the others from the stricken aircraft. Noticing that only one life raft was floating after all the others had left the aircraft, Sgt Eisen again went back to the sinking plane, disregarding warnings from his fellow crew members that the plane might sink at any moment. After he had reached the aircraft, he broke loose the spare life raft and swam away from the aircraft. He then assisted other members of the crew onto the rafts before he would get out of the icy water himself. Through his heroism, courage and devotion to duty, Sgt Eisen has upheld the highest traditions of the Military Service, thereby reflecting great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at enlistment: Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIS A. FOGLE, 39708482, Sergeant, 340th Bomb Sq, 97th Bomb Gp. For heroism at great risk of life as ball turret gunner of a B-17 type aircraft. On 6 April 1945, Sgt Fogler's aircraft, rendered no longer airworthy by damage from anti-aircraft fire over a target in Italy, crash landed in the sea. When the evacuation of the aircraft was almost complete, it was found that the tail gunner had not left the plane because of wounds which had left him partially crippled. Sgt Fogler returned to the aircraft and despite the immediate possibility that it might sink, extricated the tail gunner. Sgt Fogler was the last man to leave the aircraft and barely avoided being drawn down by the undertow as the plane sank. By his courageous action at great risk of his

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