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Awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross VI

SECTION VI -- AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 26, Headquarters NATOUSA, 6 March 1944, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded the following named personnel, residence and citation as indicated:

Samuel H. LAYTON, JR., O-736538, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, 756th Bombardment Squadron, 459th Bombardment Group, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a B-24 type aircraft. On 7 May 1944, Lieutenant Layton participated in a bombing mission against an important and heavily defended enemy rail and communications center in Rumania. Separated from his formation while passing through severe and adverse weather conditions, Lieutenant Layton successfully joined another flight to continue on to the target. Intense and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire was encountered over the objective, however, in spite of one (1) engine rendered inoperative and continued enemy opposition, Lieutenant Layton completed a highly successful bombing run, inflicting grave damage to rolling stock, equipment and other enemy installations. Displaying outstanding professional skill, he brought his stricken aircraft safely through enemy territory for a safe landing at base. By his courage, leadership and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout over fifty (50) successful missions against the enemy, Lieutenant Layton has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Inglewood, California.

By command of Major General TWINING:

R. K. TAYLOR,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

s/s J.M. IVINS,
s/t J. M. IVINS,
Lieutenant Colonel, AGO,
Adjutant General.

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THOMAS F. STEWART,
Captain, AC.