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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 in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. Consistently, throughout many combat missions against highly important and strategic enemy installations, the personnel listed below have demonstrated the highest order of professional skill, heroism, leadership and devotion to duty. Although regularly and frequently opposed by large numbers of enemy fighters, together with intense, accurate and heavy anti-aircraft fire, during which their aircraft were at times seriously damaged, these men have fought through to their targets and aided in the destruction of these vital objectives. Despite severe and adverse weather conditions, rugged terrain, and many other major obstacles and hazards, these men have gallantly engaged, fought and defeated the enemy without regard for their own personal safety and against great odds. Their conspicuous and extraordinary achievements throughout these many missions against the enemy have been of inestimable value to successful combat operations and have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

MARIO P. ANNECHIARICO, O-436302, Captain, Headquarters, 459th Bomb Gp, College Point, New York. Navigator, Hungary, 21 October 1944.

JOHN E. HIRSCH, O-467199, Captain, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Middletown, Missouri. Pilot, Germany, 16 November 1944.

GAYLE E. MADISON, O-26151, Captain, Headquarters, 456th Bomb Gp, Walla Walla, Washington. Pilot, Germany, 16 February 1945.

LOWELL T. SWENSON, O-713971, Captain, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Lancaster, Minnesota. Pilot, Austria, 15 March 1945.

RALPH E. ALDRICH, O-777291, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Buffalo, Minnesota. Bombardier, Austria, 16 March 1945.

JOHN P. BRIANT, JR., O-722689, First Lieutenant, 747th Bomb Sq, 456th Bomb Gp, New Orleans, Louisiana. Bombardier, Austria, 15 March 1945.

FRANK A. DUSTON, O-2060258, First Lieutenant, 758th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Navigator, Hungary, 1 April 1945.

MORTON FISCHER, O-2056367, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Navigator, Yugoslavia, 19 January 1945.

RALPH A. FLOWERS, O-717772, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Portsmouth, Ohio. Bombardier, Italy, 18 November 1944.

(GO #2789, Hq Fifteenth Air Force, 27 April 1945, cont'd)

DONALD R. GORDON, O-739939, First Lieutenant, 747th Bomb Sq, 456th Bomb Gp, Fresno, California. Pilot, Czechoslovakia, 20 September 1944.

GERALD L. KOEGLSCHATZ, O-828629, First Lieutenant, 744th Bomb Sq, 456th Bomb Gp, Detroit, Michigan. Pilot, Austria, 11 December 1944.

ELLIOT R. KUTNER, O-2065080, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Brooklyn, New York. Navigator, Germany, 29 September 1944.

WARREN R. LINDERMANN, O-687312, First Lieutenant, 758th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Johnson City, New York. Pilot, Austria, 15 February 1945.

JOHN C. MC MILLAN, O-772698, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Ogden, Utah. Bombardier, Germany, 16 February 1945.

ROBERT W. MILLS, O-767608, First Lieutenant, 758th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Asheville, North Carolina. Co-pilot, Germany, 22 August 1944.

RAYMOND C. MURPHY, O-719123, First Lieutenant, 744th Bomb Sq, 456th Bomb Gp, Foster, Ohio. Navigator, Austria, 7 October 1944.

RUSSELL P. NEWQUIST, O-720547, First Lieutenant, 758th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Omaha, Nebraska. Pilot, Czechoslovakia, 25 March 1945.

RICHARD F. OBUCHAY, O-2060837, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Navigator, Germany, 27 February 1945.

JOHN E. REEDER, O-722784, First Lieutenant, 747th Bomb Sq, 456th Bomb Gp, Ozone Park, Long Island, New York. Bombardier, Poland, 26 December 1944.

ORRIE J. SANASAC, O-677580, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Pilot, Germany, 21 March 1945.

WILLARD H. SCHADEL, O-696485, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Klingerstown, Pennsylvania. Pilot, Austria, 7 February 1945.

DAVID F. SCHIEMAN, O-722163, First Lieutenant, 744th Bomb Sq, 456th Bomb Gp, Chenoa, Illinois. Pilot, Austria, 7 February 1945.

JOSEPH P. VONDRACEK, O-825339, First Lieutenant, 757th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Baltimore, Maryland. Pilot, Yugoslavia, 1 March 1945.

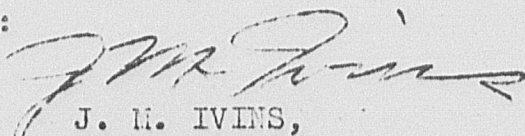
WALLACE W. WEGNER, O-2056501, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Waupun, Wisconsin. Navigator, Austria, 16 March 1945.

JOHN O. CONNOR, O-823534, Second Lieutenant, 758th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp, Jamaica, Long Island, New York. Pilot, Austria, 19 November 1944.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL TWINING:

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

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J. M. IVINS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.