

For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as crew of a B-24 type aircraft. On 25 April 1944, while participating in a bombing mission against a vital enemy aircraft factory in Italy, this outstanding crew, with complete disregard for their own personal safety and almost unmountable odds, successfully dropped their bombs on the vital industrial target following a serious mid-air collision which resulted in the loss of their tail turret, the complete destruction of the left rudder and stabilizer and other severe structural damage to the ship. Courageously remaining at their positions, despite the imminent danger that their aircraft would spin out of control, each man coolly performed his duties in an effort to bring their ship safely to base. Through their exceptional teamwork, these men succeeded in the seemingly impossible task of bringing their stricken ship through enemy territory

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under constant threat of enemy fighter attack, for a safe landing at base without further damage or injury to aircraft or crew. By their outstanding courage, professional skill and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout their combat careers, these men have reflected great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

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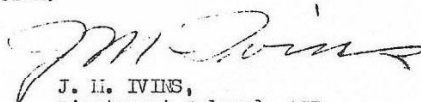
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