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2. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as pilot and co-pilot of a B-24 type aircraft. On 13 June 1944, these officers participated in a bombing mission against vitally important enemy oil installations in Germany. Enroute to the target their aircraft was aggressively attacked by enemy fighters, and, in the ensuing engagement, sustained severe damages with one (1) engine rendered inoperative forcing them to drop from the protective formation. With their aircraft barely airworthy, they skilfully brought their ship over a vital enemy bridge for a lone bombing run. Enroute to base, mechanical difficulties rendered another engine inoperative, and only through outstanding teamwork and exceptional professional skill were they able to maintain control of their stricken ship. Reaching friendly territory, with superior airmanship and coolness under great stress, they succeeded in bringing their plane down for an efficient crash landing. By their outstanding professional skill, courage and intense 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.

JOHN POLLOCK, O-672194, Second Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Akron, Ohio.

ROBERT L. RANSOM, O-706072, Second Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Moulton, Iowa.

SECTION III -- AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS AND/OR OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 26, Headquarters MATOUS, 6 March 1944, the Distinguished Flying Cross and/or Oak Leaf Cluster for the Distinguished Flying Cross, in the categories as listed, is awarded the following named officers, Air Corps, United States Army, residence as indicated, with the following citation:

For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as formation leaders of heavy bombardment aircraft. On 16 June 1944, these officers led their formations on a bombing mission against vitally important enemy oil installations in Austria. Although under persistent and aggressive attack by large numbers of determined enemy fighters, together with intense, heavy and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire, the formation was skilfully held together and brought through the enemy defenses directly to the target. Under continued enemy opposition, displaying outstanding leadership, courage under fire and exceptional teamwork, they successfully brought the entire formation through for a highly successful bombing run. Under their capable direction, the bombs from the entire formation were concentrated in the immediate target area, thus effectively and seriously crippling this vital source of enemy oil supplies. By their outstanding leadership, 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.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
MISSING IN ACTION

HENRY C. REED, O-431040, Captain, Hq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Coffeyville, Kansas. Next of kin: Mrs Shirley M. Reed, (Wife), 1733 South Clinton Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

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MALCOLM J. GLICK, O-690800, Second Lieutenant, 756th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Cleveland, Ohio. Next of kin: Mr. Harry F. Glick, (Father), 11116 Ashbury, Cleveland, Ohio.

D I S T I N G U I S H E D F L Y I N G C R O S S

WALTER E. BLACK, JR., O-662729, Captain, 759th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Trinity, Texas.

ROBERT K. HOOD, O-803204, First Lieutenant, 757th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Nogales, Arizona.

RENE G. LEJUEX, O-591904, First Lieutenant, 757th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Fort Worden, Washington.

CLYDE H. PLEMONS, O-683573, First Lieutenant, 758th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Lubbock, Texas.

DONALD STEVENSON, O-795502, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Meriden, Connecticut.

ROBERT H. HARRISON, O-752670, Second Lieutenant, 757th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Royal Oak, Michigan.

ROBERT G. LAWLER, O-690585, Second Lieutenant, 758th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Cleveland, Ohio.

ABRAHAM STOK, O-752953, Second Lieutenant, 757th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: New York, New York.

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VICTOR C. CONWAY, O-733534, Captain, Hq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Canyon Creek, Montana.


ROBERT C. WILLIAMS, O-753095, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Berkeley, California.

PHILIP J. PAINTER, O-1691615, Second Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. Residence at appointment: Norwood, Ohio.

By command of Major General TWINING:

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

OFFICIAL:

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

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