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(GO #609, Hq Fifteenth Air Force, 11 February 1945, cont'd)

enemy installations and supplies. Only after the attack was successfully completed, did he submit to first aid treatment. Enroute to base, despite his severe wounds, he materially aided his co-pilot in bringing the crippled ship through for a highly successful crash landing at a friendly air base. By his conspicuous courage, determination and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout his brilliant combat career, Capt Lunceford 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 appointment: Lanett, Alabama.

✓ ROBERT L. DE WITT, O-819977, First Lieutenant, 347th Bomb Sq, 99th Bomb Gp. For gallantry in action as pilot of a B-17 type aircraft. On 18 December 1944, Lt DeWitt led a squadron formation on a bombing mission against strategic enemy installations in Germany. After completing a highly successful bombing run, despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, his formation was aggressively attacked by enemy fighters, and, in the ensuing engagement, his aircraft sustained further damage, his co-pilot was seriously wounded and Lt DeWitt was severely wounded by the heavy enemy fire. Despite pain, shock and loss of blood, displaying outstanding courage and fortitude, realizing the responsibility in bringing his plane and crew back to base, Lt DeWitt gallantly remained at the controls of his crippled aircraft, holding it in formation for protection against fighter attacks. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lt DeWitt completely ignored his own serious wounds and brought his plane through for a safe landing at base without further damage to the aircraft or injury to the crew. By his conspicuous courage, determination and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout twenty-four (24) successful missions against the enemy, Lt DeWitt has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Johnstown, New York.

✓ CARL J. DOBRINEC, 36892156, Sergeant, 757th Bomb Sq, 459th Bomb Gp. For gallantry in action as tail turret gunner of a B-24 type aircraft. On 4 January 1945, Sgt Dobrinec participated in a bombing mission against a vital enemy rail center in Italy. Approaching the target his aircraft encountered intense and accurate enemy anti-aircraft fire which severely damaged the plane and seriously wounded Sgt Dobrinec. Despite intense pain, shock and loss of blood, though knocked from his position, he made his way back to his guns to defend his aircraft against possible attacks by eight unidentified aircraft. With complete disregard for his personal safety, displaying outstanding courage and fortitude, he remained at his position until all threat of enemy attack ceased and only then submitted to first aid treatment. By his conspicuous gallantry, determination and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout his entire combat career, Sgt Dobrinec has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at enlistment: Highland Park, Michigan.

SECTION III - AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, Headquarters MATOUSA, 10 July 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded the following named enlisted men, Air Corps, United States Army, residence as indicated, with the following citation:

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