

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 2, 1926
HAS AWARDED

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TO

FIRST LIEUTENANT CLAUDE M. SCHONBERGER

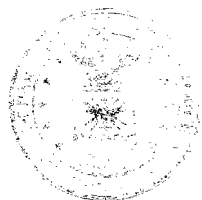
FOR
EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT
WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT

16 FEBRUARY 1945

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

9 JUNE 2010


CHIEF OF STAFF




SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TO

CLAUDE M. SCHONBERGER

First Lieutenant Claude M. Schonberger distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a First Pilot assigned to the 759th Bomb Squadron, 459th Bomb Group, Fifteenth Air Force on 16 February 1945. On that date, Lieutenant Schonberger demonstrated extraordinary flying skills and courage against the Obertraubling Airdrome in Regensburg, Germany. While on this mission his bomb-loaded B-24 aircraft took heavy damage and with a burst of flak, the propeller of the number four engine became uncontrollable and resulted in a fire near the number three engine while flying the final bomb run. Despite this hazardous situation, Lieutenant Schonberger continued on the bomb run and released his bombs with considerable accuracy. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Schonberger in the dedication of his service to his country reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army Air Corps.

