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GENERAL ORDERS )  
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I. AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1926, (Bul. No. 8, W.D., 1926), the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following:

FELDER W. CULLUM, (O-385386), Major, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 10, 1943, in 12 operational air flights totalling over 201 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address 4411 Gilbert Street, Dallas, Texas.

ROBERT D. BRUCE, JR., (O-429009), Captain, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to April 29, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 201 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Blissfield, Michigan.

WILTON M. FRASER, (O-429394), Captain, United States Army Air Corps for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to January 28, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 204 hours during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 3831 McKinley, Washington, D.C.

CECIL E. PETTY, (O-427654), Captain, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to April 3, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 203 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Homer, Illinois.

JOHN P. REMAKIUS, JR., (O-397350), Captain, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 7, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 208 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1601 North 6th Boise, Idaho.

WILLIAM M. BRANDT, (O-660717), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in 19 operational air flights totalling over 261 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 810 West Drive Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, Indiana.

ROBERT L. BRAUNS, (O-659093), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to March 26, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 201 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 35 Kensington Road, Garden City, Long Island, New York.

BENJAMIN C. BREWER, (O-789665), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 14, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 202 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 610 Felder Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama.

VIRGIL M. CARROLL, (O-660723), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in 14 operational air flights totalling over 219 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Laurens, Iowa.

I. AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (cont'd.):

ROBERT W. DRAKE, (O-789547), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 23, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 200 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 552 West Lincoln Street, Findley, Ohio.

EUGENE ECKLUND, (O-660737), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 240 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 4821 North Seeley Street, Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM R. FITZGERALD, (O-789551), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 216 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Malesus, Tennessee.

RICHARD E. GIVENS, (O-789556), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 255 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 2114 Main Street, Wellsburg, West Virginia.

WILLIAM H. JAY, (O-435663), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 10, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 220 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Douglasville, Georgia.

PETER J. KOLAS, (O-431449), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in 18 operational air flights totalling over 255 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 3718 Elm Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

JOHN McCAROLL, JR., (O-790087), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to March 15, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 206 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Mobeetie, Texas.

FOREST PRESTON, II. (O-662086), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to February 20, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 209 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 3505 Rannynede Place, Washington, D.C.

MARION E. SPROUT, (O-659197), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 5, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 209 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 220 Post Avenue, Battlecreek, Michigan.

JOHN C. WASHBURNE, (O-790107), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to March 15, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 209 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 608 Arbor Vitae Road, Winnetka, Illinois.

JACK D. ALEXANDER, (O-2042749), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 8, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 208 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 3720 South G. Street, Tacoma, Washington.



I. AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (cont'd.):

GORDON L. BALDRY, (O-2042750), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating during the period from October 10, 1942, to January 23, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 204 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Groton, South Dakota.

JACK B. BELL, (O-2042751), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to March 9, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 202 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1st National Bank Building, Ada, Oklahoma.

DON J. BERGSTROM, (O-2042752), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 2, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 202 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 718 Hubbard Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

ROGER J. BERNARD, (O-2042766), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 21, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 204 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 52 Bernard Street, Manchester, New Hampshire.

JOHN J. BLANKINSHIP, (O-2042753), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to March 11, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 201 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 123 South 8th Street, Fredonia, Kansas.

JOSEPH H. L. BLOCK, (O-790208), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to March 9, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 204 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1185 Park Avenue, New York City.

RICHARD S. FREY, (O-727003), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to March 12, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 206 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 2036 South Sampson Street, Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

BRUCE GILBERT, (O-727006), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 207 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Seymour, Texas.

ROBERT A. HAMMETT, (O-727012), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 261 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1017 Van Buren Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

ROBERT E. JOHNSON, JR., (O-662059), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in 14 operational air flights totalling over 212 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1005 Fair Oaks Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

JOHN P. LIPPITT, (O-410234), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from February 6, 1943, to June 10, 1943, in 15 operational air flights totalling over 210 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 2414 Pacific Avenue, San Francisco, California.

I. AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (cont'd.):

JOHN W. MEADE, (O-727037), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to March 16, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 203 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 42-69 Hampton Street, Elmhurst, Long Island, New York.

JOHN J. MOGUSH, (O-662076), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to March 10, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 201 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 2329 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

WALTER S. MORITZ, (O-727041), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 241 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Rosedale, Long Island, New York.

HOWARD B. SHOOK, (O-727052), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from November 6, 1942, to February 21, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 206 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1717 East Wayne Street, South Bend, Indiana.

JOSEPH F. DOINEY, (6915169), Technical Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 201 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1431 West Vine Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BURTON E. HECKERSON, (17024995), Staff Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 21, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 200 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 212 West 6th Street, Shakespee, Minnesota.

JOHN L. SAYLOR, (17012420), Staff Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 238 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Burton, Kansas.

HOWARD L. COLE, (14078267), Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 16, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 201 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 910 North 14th Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

FRANK J. FOSTER, (15063319), Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 265 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1102 North New Jersey Street, Sullivan, Indiana.

FRED H. GOLDSTEIN, (15084704), Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to January 31, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 208 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 3689 Gridley Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

EMERY L. McCULLOUGH, (18009597), Sergeant, U. S. Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 23, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 201 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 7028 Canal Street, Houston, Texas.



I. AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (cont'd.):

GARLAND C. MERRIOTT, (17027256), Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 13, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 204 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 3408 North 14th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

CHARLES T. WATTS, (16044502), Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 229 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Benton Harbor, Michigan.

LOUIS A. FLYNN, (14040757), Corporal, United States Army Air Corps for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 10, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 283 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Charleston, South Carolina.

LARRY E. INGALLS, (16004680), Corporal, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 10, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 215 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 3605 Forest Avenue, Brookfield, Illinois.

FRANK T. MIHALIGA, (15073394), Corporal, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to February 9, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 205 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 2605 West 18th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

KENNETH D. WALLACE, (17028623), Corporal, United States Army Air Corps, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period from December 13, 1942, to June 10, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 221 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Barnard, Kansas.

II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, (Bul. No. 25, W.D., 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-a (Bul. No. 49, W.D., 1942), the Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following:

ROBERT C. DUFFY, (O-908517), Captain, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 16, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 100 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1327 Spruce (Aldine Apartments) Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM E. SMITH, (O-660830), First Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 164 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 209 East Wilcox Street, Coffeyville, Kansas.

CHARLES E. CRONCLINTON, JR., (O-2042754), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 145 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Palm Springs, California.

DAVID M. HAY, (O-731980), Second Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from February 6, 1943, to June 10, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 175 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 2103 12th Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.

II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL: (cont'd.)

GEORGE L. RHODENBAUGH, (6668837), Technical Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 101 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 954 Bryden Road, Columbus, Ohio.

CORAL B. SMYTH, (6666557), Technical Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 180 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1512 East Curtiss Street, Tampa, Florida.

BERNARD J. STIVER, (15040018), Technical Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 168 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Germantown, Ohio.

CLARK B. UMMEL, (15040048), Technical Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 150 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 2068 Summit Street, Columbus, Ohio.

JOHN A. VAUGHN, (15057474), Technical Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 140 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 1333 Wheller Street, Covington, Kentucky.

EDWARD L. ZECHAR, (15040016), Technical Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 117 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 228 East Market Street, Germantown, Ohio.

JAMES M. McNEIL, (15040344), Staff Sergeant, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 10, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 113 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: Sidney, Ohio.

BERNARD X. VALLELY, (14055720), Corporal, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 6, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 114 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: 945 Trilby Street, Birmingham, Alabama.

OSCAR J. VERSDAHL, (17047314), Corporal, United States Army Air Corps, for meritorious achievement while participating, during the period from October 10, 1942, to June 10, 1943, in operational air flights totalling over 116 hours, during which exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Home Address: McLeod, North Dakota.

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS - AWARDS.

So much of Section I, General Orders #179, this Headquarters, c.s., as announces award of the Oak Leaf Cluster (Distinguished Flying Cross) to Staff Sergeant THURMAN L. WOLFE, (15065866), is amended to announce award to him of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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Brigadier General, GSC,  
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