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SECTION XXVIII

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in letter, file AG 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officer and enlisted man of the 6th Bombardment Squadron, 29th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 18 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 Superfortress flying from a base in the Marianas on a night incendiary attack against the city of Kagoshima, Japan. As they approached the coast of Japan, they were flying between two layers of clouds, and with the radar set out they had no means of locating the exact position of the target. Flying a search pattern, they spotted a faint glow through the undercast. Descending, they identified the target. As they started their bombing run through the intense flak, an engine suddenly burst into flames. It was feathered immediately, and the fire went out. Hardly had the plane been trimmed for three engine operation when another engine commenced to backfire. They continued the bombing run and the projectiles were dropped visually on the burning city. After bombs away, they set their course for Iwo Jima. A lone enemy fighter, which had been trailing the bomber, came in at close range and opened fire on their crippled ship. After a quick accurate burst, the fighter broke off his attack and disappeared. They then flew the crippled aircraft safely to an emergency field. The outstanding airmanship, exceptional teamwork and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant ROBERT H. BRADY, 0798426, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.

Staff Sergeant WARREN L. DETTLING, 12229451, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.

SECTION XXIX

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in letter, file AG 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 43d Bombardment Squadron, 29th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 29 July 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 Superfortress flying from a base in the Marianas Islands in a daring low-level incendiary strike against the city of Ogaki, Japan. The plane was flown through turbulent weather over a great expanse of unfriendly water to reach their briefed objective. Shortly after

turning onto its bomb run from the initial point many enemy searchlights caught the ship illuminating it for the enemy fighters. Partially blinded by the intense glare, the crew members could not ward off all the numerous savage attacks that followed. One fighter pressed close, inflicting severe damage on their B-29. Number one engine was riddled with bullets and twenty millimeter high explosive shells. It had to be feathered. Number two engine's prop was hit and part of a blade was hurled with great force into the bomb bay where it cut through numerous engine cables and instrument lines. The right wing and aileron was also severely damaged by machine gun bullets. Rather than abort they took the badly crippled plane through intense flak and numerous fighter attacks to make a highly successful bombing run. Coming off the target, while expert gunnery kept the fighters at bay, the severed cables were repaired, allowing full power to be obtained from three engines. The outstanding airmanship, exceptional crew teamwork, and devotion to duty displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant STANLEY D LEE, 0778516, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.

First Lieutenant HERMAN OLESHANSKY, 02060346, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.

First Lieutenant PAUL M GRIBER, 02065348, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.

First Lieutenant HOWARD R ADAMS, 02062623, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Observer.

Technical Sergeant FERNANDO A ROMERO, 18044543, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.

Staff Sergeant CARL P STUCHELL, 13048432, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.

Staff Sergeant W E GUINN, 38630501, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.

Sergeant LEW L MYERS, 33562204, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.

Sergeant FELIX P GRICIUS, 32938749, Air Corps, United States Army, as Right Gunner.

Sergeant BRUCE C MANLEY, 33749677, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.

SECTION XXX

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For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 5 June 1945. These individuals were members of the combat crew of a B-29 aircraft in the devastating medium-altitude, daylight strike from a base in the Marianas against Kobe, Japan. Shortly after leaving the initial point, they encountered fierce enemy opposition in the form of accurate, heavy caliber anti-aircraft fire, which scored several hits on the fuselage of their plane, air to air bombing and phosphorus

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bursts. During this time the enemy fighters, two of which were shot down by the gunners from this Superfortress, made vicious, closely pressed attacks. In spite of these attacks these crewmen, with outstanding courage and skill, maintained their aircraft on the briefed heading to the objective without evasive tactics. At the target, where the defenses were most highly concentrated, their bombs were released squarely on the aiming point. Although results at the time were unobserved because of huge clouds of smoke billowing over the city, later reconnaissance photographs revealed that the area assigned to this aircraft was completely demolished. The courage and fortitude displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, together with their outstanding professional skill reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain FRANCIS E SMITH, 0434680, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.

First Lieutenant DANIEL B CLENDENING, 0929527, (Then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Observer.

First Lieutenant ROBERT H DUDLEY, 0745840, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.

Master Sergeant RICHARD W JACOBSEN, 17026914, (Then Staff Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.

Technical Sergeant JOHN C DONOGHUE, 42094012, (Then Staff Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.

Staff Sergeant ROLAND R JOHNSON, 37683109, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Right Blister Gunner.

#### SECTION XXXI

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in letter, file AG 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted man:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 11 May 1945. These individuals were members of the combat crew of a B-29 aircraft in the highly successful strike at the important Kawanishi aircraft factory at Kobe, Japan. From the initial point into the target area, they were subjected to a withering concentration of heavy anti-aircraft fire and phosphorus bursts. So accurate was the enemy flak that numerous hits were sustained by their airplane, causing serious damage to the hydraulic system and rendering the radio inoperative. In spite of this determined opposition and the damage inflicted, these crewmen, with outstanding courage and skill, maintained their aircraft exactly on the briefed heading to the target without evasive tactics. At the target, where the enemy's defenses were most highly concentrated, they released their bombs with such accuracy that they fell squarely on the target with devastating effect. Shortly after the bombs were dropped, they were viciously attacked by an estimated fifteen interceptor planes. These attacks were successfully repulsed with severe damage to the enemy fighters. The crew members of this Superfortress alone were credited with damaging two. Arriving at the home base in the Marianas, they brought the bomber to a safe landing in spite of the fact that the damaged hydraulic system had rendered the brakes useless. The courage and fortitude dis-

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played by these veteran crewmen, together with their outstanding professional skill in carrying out an important assignment which contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the war, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Captain EDMOND T. ARVIN JR, 0663455, (Then First Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.

First Lieutenant STANLEY A. LAPINSKI, 01321785, (Then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Observer.

Staff Sergeant J. C. WILKES JR, 14192863, (Then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.

#### SECTION XXXII

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces in letter, file AG 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officer and enlisted man of the 458th Bombardment Squadron, 330th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 25 May 1945. These individuals were combat crew members on a B-29 aircraft in a night incendiary strike against the city of Tokyo, Japan. The long and hazardous over-water mission was flown through adverse and rapidly changing weather conditions. A weather front of considerable depth was penetrated en route to the target area, but they successfully reached their briefed landfall and initial point. Intense and accurate anti-aircraft and searchlights were encountered on the bomb run, but they made a highly successful visual bomb run and accurately released their projectiles in the target area, causing devastating results. At the instant of bombs away their plane was picked up by eight searchlights, which seriously hindered their night vision. Violent evasive action was taken to avoid the relentless barrage of flak and the searchlights, facing the grave dangers of collision with friendly planes known to be flying in the vicinity. As they turned to the proper heading out of the target area, a projectile failing to release at bombs away fell through the closed doors causing serious damage to the doors and the closing mechanism. At the same instant a suicide plane was reported to be following them and, displaying superior airmanship and ability, they took more violent evasive action, causing considerable changes in course and of altitude. At land's end the fire-ball suicide plane was reported to have exploded. They safely returned to the base in the Marianas Islands. This outstanding crew has struck repeatedly against high priority targets in the enemy homeland, and by their outstanding ability, courage and resolute devotion to duty, reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

Flight Officer ROY F. JORDAN, 15072459, (then Technical Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT W. REYNOLDS, 15375552, (then Corporal), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.