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SECTION I

DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, MD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by the Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Force in classified letter, file AG 323,361, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 18 December 1944, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel Jack S DeWitt, 022956, 873rd Bombardment Squadron, 498th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 9 March 1945. Colonel DeWitt was a Group Air Commander in the greatest mass flight of B-29 aircraft ever dispatched against a single target. The historical very long range low altitude attack was a carefully planned and superbly executed incendiary mission launched from bases in the Marianas Islands against urban Tokyo. Three hundred aircraft dropped the greatest load of bombs ever carried over such a vast distance. With exceptional precision and devastating effect, plane after plane released its bomb load with an efficiency and thoroughness that left communications facilities, industrial targets and installations a blazing wreckage and completely destroyed 15 square miles of the Japanese capitol. Colonel DeWitt, by his untiring efforts and initiative, aided immeasurably in the preparation of his unit for this assigned task. His outstanding courage and leadership was a distinct contribution to the success of this mission and reflect the highest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Lieutenant Colonel William L McDowell, Jr, 022029, 683rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 19 January 1945. Colonel McDowell, Force Commander of two squadrons of B-29 aircraft, directed his force against an important industrial target at Akashi, Japan. Despite accurate anti-aircraft fire and determined fighter opposition, a perfect bomb run was made on the target and the resultant concentrated impact completely destroyed the vital installations in the target area. Colonel McDowell by his devotion to duty, sound tactical judgement, and courageous leadership contributed immeasurably to the destruction of a highly important industrial target, thus reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Lieutenant Colonel Doyne L Turner, 0398552, 458th Bombardment Squadron, 330th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. (Missing in action) Next of kin: Mrs Mary C Turner (wife), 223 N 12th St, Muskogee, Oklahoma. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 12 April 1945. Colonel Turner, acting Command Pilot in the lead plane of a B-29 formation, was charged with responsibility of leading his command, the 330th Bombardment Group, on a bombing mission against the Hodegaya Chemical Plant Subsidiary, northeast of Koriyama, Japan. Arriving at the target area Colonel Turner

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observed that the formation was three to five miles to the left of his Group's primary target, a situation arising from the poor visibility, lack of land-marks and changing winds. Instead of permitting the formation leader to chance a poor run by attempting violent maneuvers in order to place aircraft in proper position, Colonel Turner directed the formation leader to make another bombing run. Despite the likelihood of increased enemy interference in the form of pursuit planes and anti-aircraft fire, Colonel Turner, with complete disregard to personal safety, made the decision to gain assurance of an effective bombing run. By his display of courage, brilliant leadership and devotion to duty, the mission was accomplished, bringing devastation to a major source of aviation gasoline for the Japanese Air Force and thereby reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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Captain Ray C Clinkscales (then First Lieutenant), 0790796, 889rd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 27 April 1945. Lieutenant Clinkscales, Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft, was on a bombing mission against the Musachino Plant of the Nakajima Aircraft Company in Tokyo, Japan. Over the target, he left the formation to protect another B-29 aircraft which had one engine shot out and was afire as the result of enemy fighter fire. Lieutenant Clinkscales escorted and protected the damaged airplane for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. During this time he sustained approximately seventy enemy fighter attacks, and his gunners accounted for five enemy fighters destroyed and one damaged. The gunners expended all their ammunition so Lieutenant Clinkscales drove off the last of the enemy fighters by turning his aircraft into their line of flight thereby forcing them to roll away from the disabled aircraft. Throughout this action, three two-thousand pound bombs were hung up in the forward bomb bay of Lieutenant Clinkscales' airplane thus increasing the consumption of gasoline and handicapping maneuverability against the enemy aircraft. His high professional skill, courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain John A Miranda, 01699200, 60th Bombardment Squadron, 39th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 28 April 1945. During a bombing mission over Japan, Captain Miranda was the leader of a formation of B-29 aircraft that was subjected to heavy and intense enemy opposition consisting of flak, air to air bombing, and aggressive and exceptionally hard pressed attacks by enemy fighters. Despite this determined defense, which continued in mounting intensity from the target area until the formation has passed some thirty miles out to sea from the Japanese homeland, Captain Miranda, with cool courage and outstanding skill, led his squadron directly over the target and placed one hundred percent of his bombs within 1,000 feet of the designated aiming line with devastating results. When one of the planes in his formation was seriously damaged in the target area, he courageously maneuvered his squadron over the crippled aircraft and, despite continuous and vicious attacks from enemy fighters, protected it until it was safely out to sea. After the formation dispersed to make the return to base by individual aircraft, Captain Miranda flew back to a point within fifteen miles of the Japanese coast for the purpose of searching for a B-29 that was missing from a strike of the previous day. Although there was constant danger from enemy surface vessels operating in the area, and a Japanese aircraft carrier was sighted, this search was performed at altitudes as low as five hundred feet. When at the end of three and one-half hours no trace

of the lost plane was found, Captain Miranda flew his aircraft safely to its base. By his display of great courage, judgement, and outstanding airmanship, and by voluntarily risking his life to protect the lives of his comrades, Captain Miranda effectively carried out a mission which contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the war, thereby reflecting the greatest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

Captain Frederick B Schaeffer, 0789609, 5th Bombardment Squadron, 9th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights against the Japanese Enpiro on 18 April 1945, and on 27 April 1945. On each of these occasions, Captain Schaeffer led a squadron of B-29 aircraft against Japanese airfields on Kyushu. During these missions Captain Schaeffer kept his squadron in such close formation that 90 per cent of the bombs dropped were on the pinpoint targets. These excellent results were accomplished despite Japanese fighter attacks and anti-aircraft fire. During this period it was highly important that the Japanese air strength on Kyushu be destroyed or kept at a minimum. Captain Schaeffer effectively carried out assignments which contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the war, thereby reflecting great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Frank A Carrico, 0795019, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 as Airplane Commander of a B-29 aircraft. While bombing a target in Japan, enemy fighters attacked his aircraft setting his number two engine afire, disabling his flight instruments and shattering the aircraft's windows, thereby depressurizing the aircraft and allowing the intense sub-zero cold to penetrate the airplane. The loss of power occasioned by the damaged engine caused Lieutenant Carrico's aircraft to fall behind the formation where it became the immediate target of enemy fighter aircraft, wherein he, the pilot and the bombardier were wounded. With great coolness and determination. Lieutenant Carrico evaded the enemy fighter aircraft, discovered that the fire in his number two engine had been blown out, and set course for the 1500 mile over-water return flight to his home base. Shortly after leaving Japan, the propeller burned off the number two engine, struck the propeller of number one engine thereby loosening the engine on its mounting and throwing the aircraft out of control. By herculean physical effort, Lieutenant Carrico, with the aid of the pilot, forced the aircraft under control and successfully returned to his home base. Lieutenant Carrico's professional skill, superior judgement and determination to surmount all obstacles reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant William G Hawes, 0664886, 5th Bombardment Squadron, 9th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights against the Japanese Enpiro on 18 April 1945, and on 27 April 1945. On each of these occasions, Lieutenant Hawes was flying as the Navigator in the lead aircraft of his squadron. These missions were against a Japanese airfield on Kyushu and on each mission, excellent navigation by Lieutenant Hawes put his squadron on the briefed axis of attack. Despite Japanese fighter attacks and anti-aircraft fire, Lieutenant Hawes performed his duties with such accuracy that over ninety per cent of the bombs dropped by the squadron were on the target in each case. By this display of high professional skill Lieutenant Hawes effectively carried out assignments which contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the war, thereby reflecting great credit on himself and the

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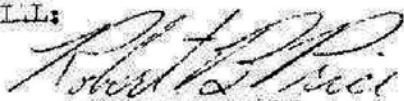
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First Lieutenant Oscar B Price, 0671099, 60th Bombardment Squadron, 99th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight on 28 April 1945. During a bombing mission over Japan, Lieutenant Price was the Bombardier in the lead aircraft of a formation of B-29 airplanes that was subjected to heavy and intense enemy opposition consisting of flak, air to air bombing, and aggressive and exceptionally closely pressed attacks by enemy fighters. Despite this determined defense and the fact that the majority of the fighter attacks came from the twelve o'clock position Lieutenant Price, with cool courage and outstanding skill, occupied himself with his bomb sight and achieved an excellent bombing pattern by placing one hundred percent of his bombs within 1,000 feet of the designated aiming line with devastating results. As soon as bombs were away, he manned his guns and shot down one enemy aircraft and scored hits on three more. By his outstanding performance under extremely trying conditions Lieutenant Price effectively aided in the carrying out of a mission which contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the war, thereby reflecting the greatest credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant Morris H Robinson, 0751179, 882nd Bombardment Squadron, 500th Bombardment Group, Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 27 January 1945 as Pilot of a B-29 aircraft. While bombing a target in Japan, enemy fighters attacked his aircraft setting his number two engine afire, disabling his flight instruments and shattering the aircraft's windows, thereby depressurizing the aircraft and allowing the intense sub-zero cold to penetrate the airplane. The loss of power occasioned by the damaged engine caused Lieutenant Robinson's aircraft to fall behind the formation where it became the immediate target of enemy fighter aircraft, wherein he, the airplane commander and the bombardier were wounded. With great coolness and determination, Lieutenant Robinson evaded the enemy fighter aircraft, discovered that the fire in his number two engine had been blown out, and set course for the 1500 mile over-water return flight to his home base. Shortly after leaving Japan, the propeller burned off the number two engine, struck the propeller of number one engine thereby destroying the engine at its mounting and throwing the aircraft out of control. By herculean physical effort, Lieutenant Robinson, with the aid of his airplane commander, forced the aircraft under control and successfully returned to his home base. Lieutenant Robinson's professional skill, superior judgement and determination to surmount all obstacles reflect great credit on himself and the Army Air Forces.

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