

Technical Sergeant MORRIS E YANCEY, 34723114, (then Staff Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Engineer.

Staff Sergeant EMANUEL WEISS, 32823012, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.

Sergeant PATRICK F NEWMAN, 32261108, Air Corps, United States Army, as Blister Gunner.

Sergeant WALTER B SCOTT, 39918292, Air Corps, United States Army, as Blister Gunner.

SECTION XV

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 62nd Bombardment Squadron, 39th Bombardment Group.

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 30 April 1945. These individuals were members of the combat crew of the B-29 aircraft that led the entire force of the 39th Bombardment Group in the highly successful strike from a base in the Marianas against Kokubu airfield on the Japanese island of Kyushu. Despite shattering barrages of heavy caliber anti-aircraft fire at the initial point and during the bombing run, these crew members maintained their plane exactly on the briefed heading without evasive tactics. At the target, where flak was most highly concentrated, they released their bombs squarely in the center of the airfield. Bombing with the lead airplane, the remainder of the formation laid such an excellent pattern on the airfield and repair hangers that this important base was rendered completely inoperative. During the withdrawal the formation they led destroyed six, probably destroyed four additional, and damaged nine of an estimated thirty enemy interceptors which pressed repeated vicious attacks until after the Japanese coast was left far behind. The gunners from this lead aircraft alone were credited with three damaged enemy ships. The courage and fortitude displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, together with their outstanding professional skill in carrying out an important assignment reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant ROBERT J BREITBARTH, 0426657, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.

First Lieutenant CARL L DAVENPORT, 02064535, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Observer.

Staff Sergeant VINCENT F DUNLEAVY, 33169477, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT L FIERRO, 32952659, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Blister Gunner.

Staff Sergeant FREDERICK W LEVESQUE, 31340049, (then Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.

Sergeant WILLIAM B HAAS, 33801060, Air Corps, United States Army, as Blister Gunner.

SECTION XVI

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 25th Bombardment Squadron, 40th Bombardment Group.

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 26 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft based in the Marianas Islands on a bombardment of the Mitsubishi plant at Kagamigahara, Japan. Unfavorable weather made it impossible for them to join the formation at the briefed assembly point. Sighting another B-29, however, they joined it to start on course to the objective. Almost immediately, they were subjected to vigorous enemy fighter attacks which crippled the other plane, making it necessary for this crew to escort and protect the damaged ship while continuing toward the target. Despite further interceptor strikes and accurate flak, they bombed the vital factory. All projectiles fell within 1000 feet of the aiming point. The skill, courage, 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.

Captain ROBERT E DALE, 0429051, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.

First Lieutenant STEPHEN T JONES, 02058493, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM E MC QUEEN, 0709957, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.

First Lieutenant ARNOLD B TOFIAS, 0867143, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH A PULIDO, 0807048, Air Corps, United States Army, as Co-Pilot.

Second Lieutenant EDGAR L MATTHEWS, 02074518, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Operator.

Staff Sergeant CARMELO ANELLO, 32219002, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.

Sergeant WALTER W BOEHME, 38367816, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.

Sergeant BEETHOVEN T FREEMAN, 33482143, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.