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NATHUR ISAAC, O-669303, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardier for a Combat Wing of B-17 airplanes on a mission over Germany, 22 February 1944. The wing in which Captain Isaac was flying was without support from friendly bombers or fighters during the last 100 miles enroute to the target. In spite of adverse weather conditions and a heavy snowfall, which served as a natural camouflage, he was able to identify the assigned objective and accomplish an excellent bombing run. This was achieved in the face of a heavy barrage of flak that damaged every aircraft in his unit. The courage, cool judgment and superior skill displayed by Captain Isaac were largely responsible for the vast destruction wrought by the wing on an important enemy installation. Entered military service from New York.

ROBERT A. LAMB, O-659308, Captain, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while piloting a fighter aircraft on eighty-four missions over enemy occupied Europe. Captain Lamb has led a Squadron on nineteen missions and on each occasion, the unit, under his inspiring leadership, has accomplished its task in a superior manner. His zeal in seeking out the enemy and his aggressiveness in action are borne out by his record of destroying seven enemy aircraft, while engaged in aerial combat. The courage, skill and leadership displayed by Captain Lamb have been an example for his fellow flyers and his actions reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New Jersey.

EDWARD T. O'GRADY, O-670220, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardier of a Group formation on a mission over Germany, 29 January 1944. Just after the bombing run, Lieutenant O'Grady discovered that three armed incendiaries were bouncing around in the bomb-bay. Realizing the danger to his aircraft, he ordered the bomb-bay doors to be opened and then, working over the open bomb-bay, attempted to push the three incendiaries out. Unsuccessful in this, Lieutenant O'Grady closed the door, went into the bomb-bay and defused the live bombs. Having accomplished this, he attached shackles to the bombs and assisted by the radio operator, put them back in the racks. During the whole of this operation he was forced to rely upon an emergency supply of oxygen. The courage, skill and disregard for personal safety displayed by Lieutenant O'Grady in rectifying a situation which threatened the aircraft and crew reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from New York.

LAWRENCE R. STEVENSON, 39388964, Staff Sergeant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Ball Turret Gunner of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 6 March 1944. After leaving the target one engine of the plane failed, forcing the pilot to leave the formation. Enemy fighters attacked and succeeded in knocking out a second engine, disabling the tail guns, damaging the entire tail assembly and killing the top turret gunner. During this attack, Sergeant Stevenson destroyed one enemy fighter. When the pilot put the plane into a steep dive, four members of the crew, thinking the plane doomed, bailed out. Leaving the ball turret, which had become inoperative, Sergeant Stevenson manned both of the waist guns during the remainder of the mission. The courage, skill and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Stevenson materially aided in the safe return of his aircraft. Entered military service from Idaho.