

SECRETHEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

Exh #7-Oct 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER.....242)

APO 696, U S Army,
12 October 1944.E X T R A C T

SECTION XI : AWARDS TO THE 416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L).

SECTION XI

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Sull. 8, WD, 1926), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, a DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS is awarded to the following named officers:

HIRAM F. CONANT, O-397619, Captain, 668th Bombardment Squadron (L), 416th Bombardment Group (L). For heroism and outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight in the EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS. On 4 June 1944 Capt Conant piloted an A-20 aircraft on a combat operational mission over occupied territory. While making the bombing run Capt CONANT'S plane sustained a series of anti-aircraft bursts which damaged the instrument panel and bomb-sight, punctured the gas tanks and left engine, and severed control cables and the hydraulic lines. Fully cognizant of the imminent danger of fire throughout the ship, Capt CONANT nevertheless exercised calm courage and superior technical ability in keeping his plane on course, enabling the Bombardier to dispatch his bombs with telling effect on the target. Capt CONANT'S brilliant demonstration of professional skill and gallant perseverance contributed considerably to the success of the mission, as well as the safe landing of his battered aircraft in the face of almost insuperable obstacles. His resolute determination and unstinting devotion to duty are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CHESTER R. JACKSON, O-736226, Captain, 670th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations on 5 June and 6 August 1944. On the former occasion Capt JACKSON led a formation of A-20 type aircraft on an attack on a heavily fortified headquarters installation. An intense barrage of anti-aircraft fire was encountered which inflicted severe damage on Capt JACKSON'S plane, incapacitating one engine and disabling all but two of the instruments. Although the left aileron control was severed and the plane was vibrating violently, Capt JACKSON by dint of extreme tenacity and distinctive flying skill, piloted the damaged aircraft back to an emergency landing field. On the latter occasion Capt JACKSON served as a flight leader on an attack against a vital bridge in enemy occupied territory. Accurate fire from ground batteries damaged the hydraulic system, left tire, punctured the gas tanks, and injured the turret gunner. Despite the extreme difficulty of continued flight Capt JACKSON gallantly maintained his position at the head of the formation, making a successful crash landing at the home base with no further injury to aircraft or crew. The superior professional ability and unflinching devotion to duty exhibited by Capt JACKSON on these occasions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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ARTHUR E. OSBORNE, JR., O-684403, Captain, 668th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For heroic and outstanding achievement while in action against the enemy. On 6 August 1944 Capt OSBORNE served as lead Pilot on a light bombardment mission against a heavily defended enemy railroad bridge. Before reaching the target his plane sustained a near burst of anti-aircraft which riddled the fuselage and damaged the right engine. Realizing his responsibility as lead pilot, however, Capt OSBORNE, by dint of sheer courage and extraordinary flying skill, succeeded in holding his position in formation. Capt OSBORNE's resolute determination and superior technical proficiency were largely responsible for the completion of the mission and the safe return of his plane and crew to an emergency landing field, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WARREN FORMA, O-749633, First Lieutenant, 668th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For heroic achievement against the enemy while acting as lead bombardier-navigator in a medium bombardment mission in the European Theatre of Operations on 6 August 1944. On the approach to the objective the formation encountered intense, accurate anti-aircraft fire which inflicted severe damage to the lead plane. Despite bursts of anti-aircraft fire which shook the plane violently, Lt FORMA, with gallant determination and exceptional technical skill, completed his calculations and directed the bomb release so accurately that the enemy ground installation was totally destroyed. The superior professional ability and calm fortitude displayed by Lt FORMA resulted in the successful completion of the mission, and are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from New York, N.Y.

ARVID R. HAND, O-748066, First Lieutenant, 668th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations. On 8 July 1944 Lt. HAND served as lead bombardier-navigator on a combat operational mission in occupied territory. Concealment of the target by clouds of smoke from nearby artillery made it necessary to estimate the aiming point, but Lt HAND, with calm judgment and superior technical ability directed the bomb release with such accuracy that direct hits inflicted extensive damage to the installation. Lt HAND's superb performance in the face of extremely difficult obstacles contributed in a large measure to the success of the mission, and is exemplary of the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Hempstead, Texas.

LUTHER E. HILL, O-806064, First Lieutenant, 668th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theatre of Operations from March to August 1944. During this period Lt HILL has shown superior courage and distinctive flying skill while piloting A-20 type aircraft on light bombardment missions against vital and strongly fortified installations in enemy occupied territory. On numerous occasions anti-aircraft fire has inflicted severe damage to his aircraft and, although suffering intensely from painful wounds, he has demonstrated determination and technical ability of the highest type in bringing aircraft and crew safely back to the home base. The gallant perseverance, eminent flying ability and unstinting devotion to duty exhibited by Lt HILL are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

JOHN P. HILLERMAN, O-805457, First Lieutenant, 670th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For heroic and outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flights in the European Theatre of Operations on 3 June and 1 September 1944. After successfully completing the mission on the first occasion his left engine was set afire by an anti-aircraft shell. Although obliged to return

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through heavily protected areas at zero visibility, Lt. HILLERMAN manifested superb piloting ability and steadfast determination in safely returning the badly damaged aircraft by instrument flight to the home base. On the latter occasion the A-20 type aircraft which Lt HILLERMAN was piloting developed engine trouble shortly after take-off, but Lt HILLERMAN by exercising great technical proficiency, completed the entire mission in single engine flight. The eminent fortitude and distinctive technical skill displayed by Lt HILLERMAN on these occasions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

VERNON H. POWELL, O-748029, First Lieutenant, 670th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations on 6 June 1944. On that date Lt POWELL served as lead bombardier on a medium bombardment attack on heavily defended marshalling yards in occupied France. Extremely heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered which damaged the right engine, causing the aircraft to shake violently, but Lt. POWELL, exercising calm resolution and aggressive tenacity, completed the eighting operation, directing the release of the bombs with devastating effect upon the target. The gallant perseverance and distinctive technical skill manifested by Lt POWELL were largely instrumental in the successful completion of the mission, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army Air Forces. Entered military service from Birmingham, Alabama.

ROBERT J. ROONEY, O-26102, First Lieutenant, 670th Bombardment Squadron, 416th Bombardment Group (L). For heroic and outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European Theatre of Operations. On 18 July 1944 Lt ROONEY piloted an A-20 type aircraft on a medium bombardment mission in occupied France. Due to intense anti-aircraft fire encounters enroute to the target, the right engine was incapacitated, the hydraulic lines were cut, and Lt ROONEY sustained a severe wound from a shell fragment. Severely handicapped by the crippled condition of the aircraft and the pain of his wound, Lt ROONEY nevertheless maintained control of his plane and, since one of his gunners was seriously injured, he headed the damaged aircraft back to the home base. With gallant determination and superior flying skill he brought the injured aircraft in for a successful crash landing. The calm courage and distinctive professional ability demonstrated by Lt ROONEY on this occasion are exemplary of the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

By command of Major General VANDENBURG:

W. W. MILLARD
Colonel, GSO
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Official:

/s/ O. M. Seebach
/s/ O2 M. SEEBACH
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Exh #8-Oct 1944

HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NO.....13)

APO #140, U. S. Army,
10 October 1944.

SECTION I: AWARDS OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
 SECTION II: AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 SECTION III: AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.
 SECTION IV: AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

EXTRACTSECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull 3, WD 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, and contained in Circular No. 56, Hq, ETOUSA, dated 27 May 1944, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men, organizations indicated:

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Horace L. Joyner, 34098484, Technical Sergeant, For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 23 March 1944 to 27 July 1944 inclusive.

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416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
669th Bombardment Squadron (L)

y. JOHN H. KENOE, O-758184, SECOND LIEUTENANT, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 29 September 1944, while serving as Pilot on an A-20 airplane.
 Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

z. RALPH EUSTLER, 38463862, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 29 September 1944, while serving as a gunner on an A-20 airplane.
 Entered military service from Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

aa. RAYMOND F ADDLEMAN, 13125060, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received as a result of enemy action on 29 September 1944, while serving as a Gunner on an A-20 airplane.
 Entered military service from Spring Mills, Pa.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

OFFICIAL:

/s/ C. O. Vega, Jr.,
 /t/ C. O. VEGA, JR.,
 Lt. Col., A G
 Adjutant General

RICHARD C SANDERS,
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Exh #9-Oct 1944

HEADQUARTERS
9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

O/GM/A

APO 140, U S Army,
18 October 1944.

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EXTRACT

SECTION I: AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.
 SECTION II: AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 SECTION III: AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.
 SECTION IV: AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE
 PURPLE HEART.
 SECTION V: AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS.

SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull 3, WD 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, and contained in Circular No. 56, Hq. ETOUSA, dated 27 May 1944, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following named enlisted men, organizations indicated:

416th Bombardment Group (L)

Wade H Butcher, 12039601, Technical Sergeant. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 3 March 1944 to 1 September 1944 inclusive.

Mike Dzendzel, 57379966, Technical Sergeant. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 30 April 1944 to 28 August 1944 inclusive.

Hugo A Gehrels, 58278084, Technical Sergeant. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 10 April 1944 to 25 July 1944 inclusive.

Mahlon E Seese, Jr., 53249103, Technical Sergeant. For meritorious service in connection with military operations from 7 May 1944 to 26 August 1944 inclusive.

SECTION III

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Sect I, Cir 32, Hq ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named individuals:

416th Bombardment Group (L)671th Bombardment Squadron (L)

ab. ALVIN D GARRETT, 34649222, Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 12 October 1944, while serving as Gunner on an A-20 airplane. Entered military service on Piedmont, South Carolina.

SECTION IV

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Sect I, Cir 32, Hq. ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, a BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to wear with the PURPLE HEART, the following named officers and enlisted men having been awarded the PURPLE HEART, per competent authority:

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416th Bombardment Group (L)
670th Bombardment Squadron (L)

c. ALFRED H MALBY, O-747669, First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received against an enemy of the United States on 29 September 1944, while serving as Bombardier-Navigator on an A-20 airplane. Entered military service from Hastings, Florida.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

RICHARD G SANDERS
Brig Gen, U S A
Chief of Staff

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/t/ S. L. PARMENTER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst Adj General.

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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Exh #10-Oct 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)

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APO 140, U S Army,
23 October 1944.

SECTION I : AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
 SECTION II : AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART.
 SECTION III : AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO
 THE PURPLE HEART.
 SECTION IV : AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS.

E X T R A C TSECTION II

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Sect I, Circular 32, Headquarters, ETOUSA, 20 March 1944, the PURPLE HEART is awarded to the following named individuals:

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
668th Bombardment Squadron (L)

i. S P Newell, 14014441, Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 13 October 1944, while serving as a gunner on an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission, over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service at Bushnell, Fla.

671st Bombardment Squadron (L)

j. GENTRY L. MILHORN, 0760648, Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States on 13 October 1944, while serving as Pilot of an A-20 airplane on a combat operational mission over enemy occupied territory. Entered military service at Long Beach, Calif.

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By command of Major General ANDERSON:

RICHARD O SANDERS,
 Brig Gen, USA,
 Chief of Staff.

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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

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GENERAL ORDERS)

APO 140, U S Army,
25 November 1944.

NUMBER 26)

SECTION I : AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.
SECTION II : AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.
SECTION III : AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS.EXTRACTSECTION I

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull. 3, WD 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, and contained in ETUSA Circular #56, dated 27 May 1944, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following enlisted men, organizations indicated, in recognitions of meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy.

416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

Charles G Thompson, Jr., 15019351, Technical Sergeant. For meritorious service in direct support of military operations from May 1944 to August 1944.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

RICHARD G SANDERS
Brig Gen, U S A
Chief of Staff

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/s/ C. C. Vega, Jr.,
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