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SECTION 1 - AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 89, Headquarters NATOUSA 10 July 1944, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded the following named personnel, Air Corps, United States Army, residence and citation as indicated:

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JOHN R. COLLINS, O-703707, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq 459th Bomb Gp. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as navigator of a B-24 type aircraft. On 22 August 1944, Lt Collins led his group formation on a bombing mission against strategic enemy installations in Germany. Despite severe and adverse weather conditions, together with heavy enemy opposition, Lt Collins skillfully maneuvered his formation to afford maximum protection against enemy interception and brought the entire formation directly to the target area. Turning from the objective after a highly successful bombing run, in spite of adverse weather conditions and continued enemy opposition which destroyed his oxygen system, Lt Collins brought his entire formation through enemy territory for a safe landing at the home base. By his outstanding leadership, courage and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout his brilliant combat career of over fifty (50) successful missions against the enemy, Lt Collins has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Metaline Falls, Washington.

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By command of Major General TWINING:

R. K. TAYLOR,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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