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SECTION III. AIR MEDAL: Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and classified letter, Headquarters Twentieth Air Force, dated 16 December 1944, subject: "Delegation of Administrative Responsibilities", the Air Medal is hereby awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men of the XX Bomber Command, for outstanding and meritorious achievement while participating in operational and/or combat flights from bases in India to bases in China and return, and from bases in China on missions over enemy territory where enemy fire was probable and expected. The individuals listed below accomplished their mission with distinction above and beyond that normally expected. Each of the following named officers and enlisted men have participated in operational and/or combat flights over extremely rugged terrain where unfavorable weather made flying hazardous. Each individual exhibited untiring energy and meticulous care while flying. Undaunted by the many hazards faced regularly and continuously, they performed their duties in such a manner as to reflect great credit to this Command and to the Army Air Forces.

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHESTER E. PAUL, 0 807 505, Air Corps, Army of the United States, from 6 September 1944 to 27 October 1944. (Missing) Next of kin: Mrs. Shirley Paul, 130-33 226 St. Laurelton, New York City, New York. (Wife).

SECOND LIEUTENANT CAMERON R BENEDICT, 0 684 602, Air Corps, Army of the United States, from 20 May 1944 to 13 November 1944. (Missing), Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret A. Benedict, 311 Wolf Street, Racine Wisconsin. (Wife).

SECOND LIEUTENANT NORMAN LARSEN, 0 690 454, Air Corps, Army of the United States, from 30 August 1944 to 7 October 1944. (Missing) Next of kin: Mrs Amelia Larsen, 2224 West Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York. (Mother).

SECOND LIEUTENANT DAVID B PARMELEE, 0 864 755, Air Corps, Army of the United States, from 30 August 1944 to 7 October 1944. (Missing) Next of Kin: Mrs. Charlotte Parmelee, 6 Broad Street, Guilford, Connecticut. (Wife).

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STAFF SERGEANT LEWIS W. SOMMERS, 35 589 579, Air Corps, Army of the United States, from 14 June 1944 to 19 November 1944. (Missing) Next of kin: Mrs. Theresa Sommers, 401 Center Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio. (Wife).

SERGEANT RICHARD M BROOKS, 31 276 801, Air Corps, Army of the United States, from 30 August 1944 to 27 October 1944. (Missing) Next of kin: Mr. John B. Brooks, 26 Congress Street, Hartford, Connecticut. (Father)

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/s/ Curtis E. LeMay
CURTIS E. LeMAY
Major General, U.S. Army
Deputy Commander

This is a certified true copy:

(signed) _____
M. M. Newberg,
Captain, Air Corps