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LAWRENCE E. RAFFERTY, O-696483, First Lieutenant, 759th Bomb Sq., 459th Bomb Gp. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a B-24 type aircraft. On 21 July 1944, while participating in a mission against highly important and strategic enemy installations in Germany, severe enemy opposition by fighter and anti-aircraft fire caused severe damage to his aircraft. Through superb airmanship and courageous leadership, Lt Rafferty continued through to the objective, aiding materially in the tremendous damage inflicted on the assigned target. Despite continued savage resistance by the enemy after leaving the target area, Lt Rafferty, through his courage and decisive action, made possible the safe return of his plane and crew. By his combat efficiency and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout his combat career of over fifty (50) combat missions, Lt Rafferty has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Highland Park, Illinois.

D. LYNN PENNINGTON, O-695521, Second Lieutenant, 825th Bomb Sq., 484th Bomb Gp. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as bombardier of a B-24 type aircraft. On 9 August 1944, Lt Pennington was lead bombardier of a formation dispatched to destroy certain components of a vitally important enemy installation in Hungary. This assignment required pin-point bombing of the highest accuracy, of a first priority of great strategic importance. Adverse weather conditions prevailed enroute to the target, intense enemy opposition was encountered, and the objective was found to be partially obscured by smoke, making visual bombing extremely difficult. Despite this, Lt Pennington directed his bombs and those of his formation precisely on the target. By his exceptional skill, leadership, courage and devotion to duty, as evidenced throughout fifty (50) successful missions against the enemy, Lt Pennington has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at appointment: Grand

The President of the United States