

15 September 1945

Sergeant LEON A. CONSLES, 12205627, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.

SECTION XX

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS--By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926 (Bull 8, WD, 1926), and pursuant to authority delegated by Headquarters United States Army, Strategic Air Forces in letter, file AG 323, subject: "Definition of Administrative Responsibilities", dated 6 August 1945, announcement is made of the award of the Distinguished-Flying Cross to the following named officers and enlisted men of the 60th Bombardment Squadron, 39th Bombardment Group;

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight 5 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft in the historic daylight incendiary strike from a base in the Marianas against the urban area of Kobe, Japan. The formation of which they were a part was subjected to intense and accurate concentrations of heavy caliber flak. Numerous enemy fighters pressed their attacks to extremely close quarters in attempts to break up the formation. On the bomb run, their airplane received considerable damage with a resultant loss of power from one engine. Despite the fact that this damage greatly increased their vulnerability to anti-aircraft fire and the vicious fighter attacks, they resolutely continued on course and bombed the target with devastating results. The high degree of professional skill displayed by these veterans of repeated assaults against the Japanese homeland, their exemplary courage and efficiency under fire, and their determination to carry out the assigned mission reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant RICHARD K. LARSEN, 0834829, Air Corps, United States Army, as Pilot.

First Lieutenant EDGAR A. REED, 0811744, Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.

First Lieutenant JAMES S. ADAMS, 0725181, Air Corps, United States Army, as Bombardier.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS M. ADAMS, 02068540, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Observer.

Flight Officer WILLIAM J. BURKE JR, 32216822, (then Technical Sergeant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight Engineer.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD A. HUSTON, 17129548, Air Corps, United States Army, as Radio Operator.

Staff Sergeant DAVID LUFT, 37343609, Air Corps, United States Army, as Central Fire Control Gunner.

Sergeant DANIEL E. HUGHES, 13201552, Air Corps, United States Army, as Left Gunner.

Sergeant LEONARD P. ROUND, 35234516, Air Corps, United States Army, as Right Gunner.

Sergeant HOUSTON J. JONES, 34814204, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.