

15 September 1945

SECTION XXI

**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 man of the 60th Bombardment Squadron, 39th Bombardment Group:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 26 June 1945. These individuals were combat crew members of a B-29 aircraft in the memorable daylight strike from a base in the Marianas against the high priority target of Nagoya, Japan. Their formation was assembled off the coast of Honshu and made the bombing run undeterred by continuous opposition from closely pressed attacks by enemy fighters and intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire. They dropped their bombs with devastating results. Immediately thereafter, a burst of flak from heavy caliber guns seriously damaged their plane. Despite the crippled condition of their own aircraft, they unhesitatingly maneuvered their plane to give protective cover to a B-29 more seriously damaged than their own. The deep devotion to duty, courage and high degree of professional skill displayed by these veteran combat crewmen aided materially in the prosecution of the air war against Japan and reflect great credit on themselves and the Army Air Forces.

First Lieutenant DONALD R PHILLIPS, 02079089, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Navigator.

First Lieutenant LEONARD POST, 0815545, Air Corps, United States Army, as Airplane Commander.

First Lieutenant PORFIRIO RIOS, 02076855, (then Second Lieutenant), Air Corps, United States Army, as Radar Observer.

Sergeant WILLIAM H CARTER, 13189720, Air Corps, United States Army, as Tail Gunner.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL TWINING:

OFFICIAL:

*Gustav A Neuberger*  
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Lt Col, AGD  
Adjutant General

R K TAYLOR  
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