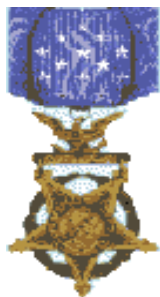


MAJOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

303rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
MOLESWORTH, ENGLAND
1942-1945



MEDAL of HONOR

*Conspicuous gallantry & intrepidity above and beyond
the call to duty in action against the enemy.*

1Lt Jack W. Mathis

Bombardier 359BS 18 Mar 43 (Posthumous)

T/Sgt Forrest L. Vosler

Radio Operator 358BS 20 Dec 43



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

*Extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations
against an armed enemy of the United States.*

2ndLt Charles W. Spencer

Bombardier 358BS 26 Nov 43

S/Sgt William J. Werner

Tail Gunner 427BS 22 Feb 43

2ndLt Thomas J. Dello Buono

Bombardier 360BS 13 Apr 44

LtCol Lewis E. Lyle *

Pilot/Sq.CO. 360BS Sep 44

** Outstanding heroism and leadership
during period 17 Nov 42 to 15 June 43*



SILVER STAR MEDAL

Group and Squadron Commanding Officers

For courage, skill and leadership.

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Col James H. Wallace | Group CO 303BG | 26 Mar 43 |
| Col Charles E. Marion | Group CO 303BG | 26 Mar 43 |
| Major Eugene R. Romig | Squadron CO 359BS | 06 Mar 43 |
| Major Glenn E. Hagenbuch | Squadron CO 427BS | 13 May 43 |
| Major Clemens K. Wurzbach | Squadron CO 358BS | 05 Apr 43 |
| Major Kirk R. Mitchell | Squadron CO 358BS | 05 Apr 43 |
| Major Lewis E. Lyle | Squadron CO 360BS | 05 Apr 43 |
| Major William R. Calhoun | Squadron CO 359BS | 22 Jun 43 |
| Col Kermit D. Stevens | Group CO 303BG | 16 Aug 43 |
| LtCol Clemens K. Wurzbach | Squadron CO 358BS | 26 Sep 43 (OLC) |
| Major Eugene A. Romig | Squadron CO 359BS | 26 Sep 43 (OLC) |
| Major William R. Calhoun | Squadron CO 359BS | 26 Sep 43 (OLC) |
| Major Glenn E. Hagenbuch | Squadron CO 427BS | 26 Sep 43 (OLC) |
| Major Kirk R. Mitchell | Squadron CO 358BS | 26 Sep 43 (OLC) |



SILVER STAR MEDAL

Combat Crewmen

Gallantry in action, courage, skill and devotion to duty against the enemy.

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| 1Lt Milton S. Fonorow | Bombardier 360BS | 22 Jun 43 |
| Capt Donald E. Stockton | Pilot 427BS | 17 May 43 |
| 1Lt James Ford Kelley | Navigator 360BS | 25 Jun 43 |
| T/Sgt James A. Watson | Engineer/T-Turret 360BS | 25 Jun 43 |
| S/Sgt Joseph S. Klasnick | Left Waist Gunner 360BS | 25 Jun 43 |
| S/Sgt Charles M Bacon | Tail Gunner 360BS | 17 Aug 43 |
| S/Sgt Dante G. Barron | Waist Gunner 427BS | 17 Aug 43 |
| Sgt George W. Buske | Tail Gunner 358BS | 19 Aug 43 |
| S/Sgt Grover C. Mullins | Engineer/T-Turret 358BS | 26 Nov 43 |
| S/Sgt William E. Rein | Tail Gunner 360BS | 29 Nov 43 |
| Capt Edward M. Woddrop | Pilot 427BS | 20 Dec 43 |
| 2Lt Homer E. Raker | CoPilot 359BS | 29 Apr 44 (Posthumous) |
| 1Lt Anthony J. Cecchini | Pilot 360BS | 11 May 44 |
| Capt John A. Long | Pilot 360BS | 11 May 44 (Posthumous) |
| LtCol Lewis E. Lyle | Deputy Group CO 303BG | 29 May 44 (OLC) |
| LtCol Lewis E. Lyle | Deputy Group CO 303BG | 21 Jun 44 (OLC #2) |
| 2Lt Frederick T. Kiesel | Bombardier 427BS | 09 Sep 44 |
| F/O Seymour Kaufman | Navigator 358BS | 11 Oct 44 |
| F/O Clarence L. Counsell | Bombardier 359BS | 05 Nov 44 |

LEGION of MERIT

Exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States



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| M/Sgt Fabian S. Folmer | Crew Chief 358BS | 06 Dec 43 |
| M/Sgt Carino Colancecco | Crew Chief 358BS | 30 Dec 43 |
| M/Sgt Everett W. Emery | Crew Chief 358BS | 30 Dec 43 |
| M/Sgt William C. Woodman | Crew Chief 358BS | 30 Dec 43 |
| M/Sgt Burford G. Pafford | Crew Chief 359BS | |
| S/Sgt Antonio Bednarchuk | Crew Chief 427BS | 03 Apr 43 |
| T/Sgt Kenneth Joseph Kurtenbach * | 360BS | |



** for meritorious conduct while providing outstanding service as a POW Camp leader - May 1946*

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Awarded for completion of a combat tour of 25 missions prior to D-Day and thereafter upon recommendation and approval for those displaying great courage, skill and devotion to duty on specific or series of combat missions.



SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Heroism that involves the voluntary risk of life, other than those of conflict with an armed enemy.



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| M/Sgt Harold V. Keahey | Ground personnel 358BS | 01 May 43 |
| S/Sgt Kenneth Shanaham | Transport Driver 359BS | 06 Sep 43 |
| Sgt Clyde V. Engholm | Ground personnel 359BS | 06 Sep 43 |
| S/Sgt Anthony Kray | Radio maintenance 358BS | |
| S/Sgt Roger P. Carocari | Radio repairman 359BS | |
| Cpl Russell P. Shuppe | Aircraft mechanic 427BS | 17 Jun 44 |
| Cpl Richard Lund | Aircraft mechanic 427BS | 17 Jun 44 |
| Sgt William R. Kaufman | Waist Gunner 358BS | 14 Dec 44 |
| T/Sgt Lewis A. Maresh | Aircraft mechanic 444SD | |
| Sgt Orvel L. Burnett | Aircraft mechanic 444SD | |
| S/Sgt J.A. Blinebury | Waist Gunner 358BS | 15 Feb 45 |
| 1Lt Heber D. Hansen | Navigator 358BS | 15 Feb 45 |



BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving aerial flights, in connection with operations against an armed enemy.



303BG Headquarters

1Lt Carlton M. Smith
M/Sgt Gerson I. Nadell
Major Q.W. Hargrove

359th Bombardment Squadron

T/Sgt J.B. Strange (C)
M/Sgt T. Westmorland (C)]
1stSgt G.I. Nadell
Capt W.E. Eisenhart *

444th Sub Depot

Major M.T. McCoy
Major W.I. Nieman

360th Bombardment Squadron

M/Sgt M. Abraham (C)
M/Sgt N. Bossie (C)
M/Sgt A.J. Bourque (C)
M/Sgt R.B. Heiliger (C)
M/Sgt W.C. Melton (C)
M/Sgt W.G. Meyer (C)
LtCol L.E. Lyle

358th Bombardment Squadron

M/Sgt G.W. Hamm (C)
T/Sgt T.K. Harrelson (C)
T/Sgt H.V. Keahey (C)
M/Sgt J.H. Simpson (C)
T/Sgt F.I. Fink
M/Sgt D.W. Hartmann
T/Sgt D.J. Schwarzenbach
S/Sgt L.E. Schultz
M/Sgt W.R. Weaver (C)
S/Sgt C.B. Wilson
Major C.E. Johnson
Capt J.B. Robinson
1Lt B.D. Hight, Jr
S/Sgt T.A. Henn

427th Bombardment Squadron

M/Sgt L.W. Drew (C)
T/Sgt G.E. Hoeft (C)
M/Sgt J.L. Kalivoda (C)
M/Sgt M.L. Lloyd (C)
T/Sgt R.H. Ludeman (C)
M/Sgt W.N. Moore, Jr. (C)
M/Sgt J.B. Warnecke (C)
S/Sgt D.S. Nivens

* Capt Eisenhart earned his Bronze Star while leading a Christmas 1972 B-52 raid over Hanoi.
(C) Crew Chief

PURPLE HEART



To all persons wounded in combat actions. To next-of-kin of all persons killed in action or who died of wounds received in action.



AIR MEDAL



Exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight or Sustained distinction in the performance of duties involved in regular or frequent participation in aerial flight.



Awarded to all combat crewmen after ten credited combat missions.
Oak Leaf cluster awarded after each subsequent five combat missions.
Viz: 25 missions = AM+3 OLC; 30 missions = AM+4 OLC; 35 missions = AM 5 OLC).
Awarded to all combat crewmen KIA or POW regardless of number of missions flown.

BRITISH DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS



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|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Col James H. Wallace | (303BG CO) | 26 Mar 1943 |
| Col Kermit D. Stevens | (303BG CO) | 17 Aug 1943 |
| LtCol Lewis E. Lyle | (303BG CO) | 6 May 1945 |
| Col Charles E. Marion | (303BG CO) | 26 Mar 1943 |
| Capt George V. Stallings | (360BS Pilot) | 25 Jun 1943 |
| Capt George J. Oxrider | (358BS Pilot) | 23 Jan 1943 |



FRENCH CROIX de GUERRE

Awards made by the French Government for "Exceptional military acts rendered in the course of operations in the liberation of France"



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| Col Kermit D. Stevens | (303BG CO) | 13 Mar 1946 |
| Col Lewis E. Lyle | (303BG CO / 379BG CO) | April 1945 |
| Major William C. Heller | (360BS) | |
| Major Robert W. Sheets | (427BS) | |
| LtCol Edgar E. Snyder | (303BG) | |
| LtCol Frank J. Doherty | (303BG) | |
| LtCol Walter K. Shayler | (360BS) | |
| 1stLt William D. Cargill | (359BS) | |
| Col Eugene A. Romig | (359BS/303BG/42CBW/351BG) | |
| Col William S. Raper | (306BG/303BG) | |
| LtCol William C. Sipes | (379BG/41CBW/303BG) | |
| LtCol George T. Mackin | (358BS) | |
| LtCol William R. Calhoun, Jr. | (359BS/41CBW) | |
| LtCol Richard H. Cole | (359BS/303BG) | |

