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SECTION VI — AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 26, Headquarters NATOUSA, 6 March 1944, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded the following named personnel, residence and citation as indicated:

MONRO MACCLOSKEY, O-203650, Colonel, Air Corps, 122nd Bombardment Squadron, Fifteenth Air Force, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as pilot of a B-17 type aircraft. On the night of 30 April 1944, Colonel MacCloskey flew his plane on a vital and secret mission over France to a pin-point objective of vital operational importance. Flying his mission over one-thousand-two-hundred (1,200) miles of unfamiliar and hostile water and terrain, through severe and adverse weather conditions at dangerously low altitudes, he succeeded in reaching his objective and accomplishing his mission with highly successful results. Alone and unescorted, he left the target area and made the long return trip, safely landing at base. By his exceptional professional skill, courage, and devotion to duty, together with his leadership and personal example as evidenced throughout his successful combat career, Colonel MacCloskey has reflected great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Residence at Appointment: Chicago, Illinois.

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By command of Major General TWINING:

R. K. Taylor  
Colonel, GSC,  
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

J. M. IVINS  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General.

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