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AWARDS OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.....III

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III. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, and pursuant to authority contained in Restricted TT Message #2139, Hq USSAFE, 11 January 1944, an OAK LEAF CLUSTER is awarded to the following-named Officers for wear with the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS previously awarded:-

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LEONARD C. MORRIS, O-738653, First Lieutenant, Army Air Forces, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Lead Bombardier for a Section of twelve aircraft on a mission over Germany, 24 February 1944. The formation was attacked by enemy fighters as it approached the target, the attack continuing during the bombing run. In spite of this, Lieutenant Morris, realizing that the bombing effort of the section depended on his accuracy, coolly and skilfully released his bombs on the assigned objective. The other aircraft in the section, bombing on his release, scored accurate hits on an important enemy installation. The courage and exceptional skill displayed by Lieutenant Morris reflect highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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By command of Lieutenant General DOOLITTLE:

JOHN S. ALLARD,
Colonel, AC,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD E. TORO,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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