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SECTION I - COMMENDATION OF UNIT

For outstanding performance for the period of 26 February 1944 to 9 June 1944. The 451st Bombardment Group (H) under extremely adverse conditions, operated with the highest degree of merit, accomplishing an extremely successful series of operations against the enemy, the performances for this period is worth of emulation. During this period, the 451st Bombardment Group (H), employing the latest and most proven operational techniques, was highly successful in that during the period of 12 May 1944 to 5 June 1944 the group successfully completed eighteen (18) consecutive combat missions against the enemy without a combat loss of a single crew or airplane. During the period of 26 February 1944 to 9 June 1944, the 726th Bombardment Squadron (H) of the 451st Bombardment Group (H), demonstrating marked efficiency of operations, flew fifty-three (53) consecutive combat missions without a combat loss of a crew or airplane. During the period of highly successful operational activity directed against heavily defended strategic and tactical targets deep in enemy territory, the 451st Bombardment Group (H) under the leadership of diligent and alert supervisory and command personnel, displayed marked excellence of air discipline and exemplary determination to achieve their purpose during this period of operations. Many of the penetrations into a strongly held enemy territory were made under adverse weather conditions and flown from hastily prepared airdromes with the minimum of ground facilities and only the minimum of essentials were available to the personnel of the unit. Such performances of duty and the resulting highly successful period of operation, further aided in maintaining the mental wellbeing and esprit of the personnel of the 451st Bombardment Group (H). The performance of the 451st Bombardment Group (H) during the period of 26 February 1944 to 9 June 1944 is a tribute to the highest state of morale, rigid discipline in the air and on the ground, and the closest of supervision by the staff and command personnel of the organization. The 451st Bombardment Group (H) is commended for its demonstrated heroism and performance of duty and has immeasurably contributed to the United Nation's successes in Europe.

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