



## Distinguished Flying Cross Award Citation

Charles L. Gray, Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army: For extraordinary achievement while serving as Navigator of a B-17 airplane on bombing missions over Germany, 4 December 1944, 3 February 1945 and 2 March 1945. On these operations, Sergeant Gray performed his duties in an exceptionally competent manner. On 4 December 1944, the airplane in which he was flying was forced to leave formation. Without the aid of special navigation equipment Sergeant Gray expertly directed the aircraft over complete cloud coverage back to base. On 3 February 1945, he capably revived a crew member who had become unconscious from lack of oxygen. On 2 March 1945, the Squadron in which he was serving became separated from the Group formation at the target. Sergeant Gray dexterously guided the aircraft along the return flight, carefully avoiding areas of flak. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this soldier on these occasions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States.

Branch of Service: U. S. Army Air Corps \* Theatre for DFC: WWII \* Aircraft: B-17