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I. AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal CLYDE B. ALMS, (35746878), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 14 March 1945 to 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nellie B. Alms (Mother), 329 Painter Ave., Greensburg, Penna.

Corporal EDWARD C. BAUMGARTNER, (36103400), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 March 1945 to 29 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Baumgartner (Wife), 5319 Botanical St., St. Louis, Mo.

Captain DELOS H. BURKS, (0789756), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 April 1945 to 13 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Melva Burks (Wife), 703 First St., Picayune, Miss.

Second Lieutenant FRANK W. CEVA, (0834379), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 14 March 1945 to 18 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Isabelle A. Ceva (Mother), 850 East 232nd St., New York, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant ALBERT CHAFETZ, (0925738), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Chafetz (Mother), 3131 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Flight Officer HARRY C. CHRISTENSEN, (T124967), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elva L. Christensen (Mother), 21801 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WEST M. COSS, (14036103), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 October 1944 to 30 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances M. Coss (Mother), 1612 Sharpe Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

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First Lieutenant LAURENCE B. CRAIG, (0547308), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 March 1945 to 29 April 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Helene Craig (Wife), 405 Oxford Road, Cedarhurst, N. Y.

Sergeant CARL D'AGNESE, (11113607), Air Corps, United States Army.  
For operational flight missions from 14 March 1945 to 17 April 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Norma J. D'Agnese (Wife), 130 Spring St., Windsor Locks, Conn.

First Lieutenant ROBERT T. DAVIS, (0556923), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 March 1945 to 29 April 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Jean K. Davis (Wife), 1046 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C.

Flight Officer EARL G. FUGETT, JR., (T129411), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 14 March 1945 to 29 April 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Italene Fugett (Mother), 1010 Autrey St., Houston, Tex.

Corporal MILTON GOLDSTEIN, (39298369), Air Corps, United States Army.  
For operational flight missions from 1 April 1945 to 1 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Sara Goldstein (Mother), 819 N. June St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Second Lieutenant EARL HUTCHINGS, (0819819), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 14 March 1945 to 18 April 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Helen Hutchings (Mother), Orleans Road, Chatham, Mass.

Sergeant RICHARD O. KIMBALL, (12172319), Air Corps, United States Army.  
For operational flight missions from 1 April 1945 to 1 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Ola Kimball (Mother), 3308 19th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Flight Officer JOHN F. LEONARD, (T64877), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 March 1945 to 29 April 1945.  
Home address: Mr. George J. Leonard (Father), 331 Summit Ave., Hackensack, N. J.

Private First Class ROBERT W. LOGAN, (19111044), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 March 1945 to 12 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Maigatel P. Price (Mother), 3200 Second St., San Diego, Calif.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES D. RALEY, (15059014), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 April 1945 to 14 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Alma F. Raley (Mother), 209 West St., Sullivan, Ind.

Corporal DANIEL SPERBER, (12123458), Air Corps, United States Army.  
For operational flight missions from 14 March 1945 to 17 April 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Bessie Sperber (Mother), 1120-30 Brighton Beach Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Sergeant LOUIS A. THERRIEN, (11107545), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 February 1945 to 4 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Georgina Therrien (Mother), 19 Huron St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Captain RUSSELL D. TOMS, (0429315), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 March 1945 to 6 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eunice Toms (Wife), 142 East 18th St., Hialeah, Fla.

Sergeant DANIEL F. TROYER, (15099688), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Opal L. Troyer, (Wife), 1645 Parrish Ave., Owensboro, Ky.

Second Lieutenant JAMES E. WATKINS, JR., (02064363), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Minnie M. Watkins (Mother), 620 N. Findley, Box 151, Norman, Okla.

Corporal RUSSELL S. YOUNG, (32360870), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 March 1945 to 9 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Young (Mother), 202 Passaic St., Trenton, N. J.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

II. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 666, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 2 May 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1945 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

Second Lieutenant JAY K. BROCKETT, (0818098), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 April 1945 to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Eva M. Brockett (Mother), Bristolville, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O. COLEMAN, (33350412), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 4 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary O. Coleman (Mother), R. R. 1, LeRaysville, Penna.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within a range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 412, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 20 March 1945, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1945 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

1. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant RONALD C. GIBSON, (32372903), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 9 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Peck (Mother), 44 Main St., Norwood, N. Y.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Corporal JOSEPH P. McDONALD, (38402705), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 March 1945 to 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma McDonald (Wife), Box 214, Madill, Okla.

Sergeant CLARENCE W. RIGGS, (15394480), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Riggs (Mother), 205 Fairlawn Ave., Willow Brook, Pittman, Ohio.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officer and enlisted man by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 453, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 28 March 1945, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1945 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

1. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT A. KURTO, (31173969), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 18 January 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Joseph Kurto (Brother), 25 Quincy St., Nashua, N. H.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD E. COSTINE, (0822385), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 31 March 1945 to 2 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Harold E. Costine (Father), 167 Park Ave., Springfield, Mass.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officers by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 329, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 5 March 1945, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1945 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

1. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain JAMES O. FIELDS, (01696631), Medical Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 January 1945 to 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Cecille W. Fields (Wife), 206 S. First St., Milan, Tenn.

2. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

First Lieutenant WAYNE K. WARNER, (0805225), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 April 1945 to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mr. William W. Warner (Father), 229 Washington St., Bristol, Penna.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 163, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 28 January 1945, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

1. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Corporal ALFRED CHIECA, (32874227), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 January 1945 to 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Frances L. Chieca (Mother), 9711 76th St., Ozone Park, N. Y.

Sergeant JOSEPH W. GUTMANN, (36073409), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 9 January 1945 to 27 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Gutmann (Mother), Ashland, Ill.

Captain WILLIS L. HELMANTOLER, (0665020), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 5 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Brickey Helmantoler (Wife), Potosi, Mo.

Staff Sergeant DREW MARKT, (19084681), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 March 1945 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Markt (Wife), 4121 20th St., San Francisco, Calif.

2. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant ELMER L. COLLINS, (16147072), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 31 March 1945 to 29 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Roy W. Collins (Father), Box 169, Rankin, Ill.

Staff Sergeant DREW MARKT, (19084681), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 17 April 1945 to 11 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Markt (Wife), 4121 20th St., San Francisco, Calif.

Sergeant DEAN W. RENNER, (39383540), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 31 March 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rosemond Renner (Mother), Route 3, Monroe City, Mo.

First Lieutenant ARCHIE A. YELVINGTON, JR. (0820182), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 17 March 1945 to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rochelle Crosthwait (Mother), 130 S. Oleander Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

3. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Flight Officer IRVING SIPERSTEIN, (T128798), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 31 March 1945 to 29 April 1945. Home address: Mr. David Siperstein (Father), 281 Tauton Ave., East Providence, R. I.

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First Lieutenant ARCHIE A. YELVINGTON, JR., (0820182), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 17 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Rochelle Crosthwait (Mother), 130 S. Oleander Ave.,  
Daytona Beach, Calif.

4. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND B. BEAN, (18114723), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Susie Brown (Mother), Route 1, Box 942, Houston, Tex.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 225, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 7 February 1945, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1945 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

1. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Private First Class HARLAN B. MURPHY, (16124536), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 4 March 1945 to 21 April 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Ethel M. Stewart (Mother), 279 N. Wildwood Ave.,  
Kankakee, Ill.

2. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Private First Class WALTER J. SHORETTE, (31282837), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 March 1945 to 1 May 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Yvonne Shorette (Mother), 99 Summers St., Biddiford, Me.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 80, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 January 1945, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1945 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

1. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Corporal PHILIP C. RAINONE, (32874251), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 January 1945 to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carlonia Rainone (Mother), 8632 102nd Ave., Ozone Park, N. Y.

Corporal NEEDHAM B. STUART, JR., (34670084), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 21 November 1944 to 12 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Stuart (Mother), Route 1, Carey, N. C.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant FRANKLIN E. BESSE, (31057039), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 4 March 1945 to 2 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Franklin W. L. Besse (Father), 34 Lucille St., East Providence, R. I.

Sergeant WOODROW H. HAYES, (18189563), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 December 1944 to 22 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nelga Hayes (Wife), 222 West 22nd St., Houston, Tex.

Technical Sergeant MARK M. ROSE, (18158459), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 5 April 1945 to 4 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jane P. Rose (Mother), 217 Price St., Corpus Christi, Tex.

3. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Sergeant WOODROW H. HAYES, (18189563), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 April 1945 to 10 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Nelga Hayes (Wife), 222 West 22nd St., Houston, Tex.



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Technical Sergeant ORAL M. LAWSON, (17128972), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 March 1945 to 25 April 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Melba Lawson (Wife), Route 3, Memphis, Mo.

Staff Sergeant CHRISTOPHER A. PAVONE, (12216308), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 April 1945 to 3 May 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Mildred M. Pavone (Wife), 8 Putman St., Rochester, N. Y.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT A. PILOT, (36229792), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 March 1945 to 26 April 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Pilot (Mother), 1631 South 12th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

#### 4. SIXTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES M. BLEDSOE, (18051602), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 March 1945 to 25 April 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Eva Oline (Mother), 19454 Valeria St., Reseda, Calif.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS C. HIRBARD, (15067752), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 March 1945 to 3 May 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Anna Green (Mother), 3572 Colerain Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officers by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 81, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 January 1945, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1945 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

#### 1. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain LLOYD R. HUMPHREYS, (0521470), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 8 February 1945 to 5 May 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Esther W. Humphreys (Wife), 2505 13th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain SAMUEL A. JONES, (0445260), Medical Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 February 1945 to 26 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Fernande G. Jones (Wife), 4069 Cronwell Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Captain CHARLES F. TULLY, JR., (0739871), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 April 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Clara J. Tully (Wife), 1018 W. First St., Grand Island, Nebr.

3. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain LOUIE GOLDBERG, (0345049), Medical Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 4 April 1945 to 30 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Goldberg (Wife), 4219 Foster Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant ARTHUR G. CAROTHERS, JR. by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 252, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 15 February 1945, a third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant ARTHUR G. CAROTHERS, JR., (0831127), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 9 March 1945 to 14 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Carothers during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces. Home address: Mrs. Arthur G. Carothers, Sr. (Mother), Box 301, Orbisonia, Penna.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain PAUL E. CHILDS by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 121, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 19 January 1945, a fourth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Captain PAUL E. CHILDS, (0434737), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 22 March 1945 to 1 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Childs during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: Mrs. Marjorie A. Childs (Wife), 225 Blue Bonnet Blvd.,  
San Antonio, Tex.

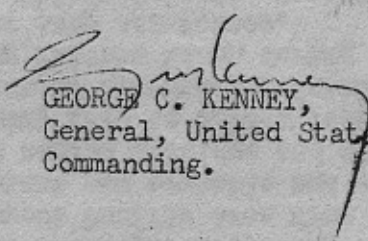
By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Private First Class GRANVILLE S. MASON by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 571, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 19 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class GRANVILLE S. MASON, (12130979), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 9 March 1945 to 13 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private Mason during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: Mrs. Anna Mason (mother), Delhi, Ontario, Canada.

III. AIR MEDAL. So much of page 1, Section I, General Orders 163, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 28 January 1945, as pertains to Sergeant JOSEPH W. GUTMANN, (36073409), as reads "Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Gutman" is amended to read "Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Gutmann."

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IV. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). So much of page 2, Section II, General Orders No. 412, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 20 March 1945, as pertains to Sergeant JOSEPH W. GUTMANN, (36073409), as reads Sergeant JOSEPH W. GUTMAN, (36073409)," is amended to read "Sergeant JOSEPH W. GUTMANN, (36073409)," and as reads "Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Gutman" is amended to read "Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Gutmann".

  
GEORGE C. KENNEY,  
General, United States Army,  
Commanding.

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