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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

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. 977, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 1 June 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. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain <u>DELOS</u> <u>H. BURKS</u>, (0789756), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 14 May 1945 to 6 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Melva Burks (Wife), 703 First St., Picayune, Miss.

Flight Officer HARRY C. CHRISTENSEN, (T124967), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 May 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elva L. Christensen (Mother), 21801 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, Ohio.

First Lieutenant <u>LAURENCE</u> <u>B. CRAIG</u>, (0547308), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 30 April 1945 to 4 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helene Craig (Wife), 405 Oxford Road, Cedarhurst, Long Island, N. Y.

Flight Officer <u>EARL</u> <u>G</u>. <u>FUGETT</u>, <u>JR</u>., (Tl29411), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 April 1945 to 9 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Italene Fugett (Mother), 1010 Autray St., Houston, Tex.

Corporal MILTON GOLDSTEIN, (39298369), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 May 1945 to 31 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Sara Goldstein (Mother), 819 N. June St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Sergeant <u>RICHARD O. KIMBALL</u>, (12172319), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 May 1945 to 31 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 30 April 1945 to 8 June 1945.

Home address: Mr. George J. Leonard (Father), 331 Summit Ave., Hackensack, N. J.

Corporal ROBERT W. LOGAN, (19111044), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 13 May 1945 to 20 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Maigatel P. Price (Mother), 3200 Second St., San Diego, Calif.

Staff Sergeant <u>CHARLES</u> <u>D. RALEY</u>, (15059014), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 15 May 1945 to 16 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Alma F. Raley (Mother), 209 West St., Sullivan, Ind.

Sergeant <u>RUSSELL</u> <u>S. YOUNG</u>, (32360870), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 May 1945 to 10 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Young (Mother), 202 Passaic St., Trenton, N.J.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant <u>ALBERT CHAFETZ</u>, (0925738), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 25 May 1945 to 26 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Chafetz (Mother), 3131 Augusta Blvd, Chicago, Ill.

Second Lieutenant JAMES F. WATKINS, JR., (02064363), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 May 1945 to 22 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Minnie M. Watkins (Mother), 620 N. Findley, Box 151, Norman, Okla.

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 Captain NICHOLAS E. BAILEY by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 522, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 April 1945, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are 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).

1. <u>SECOND OAK-LEAF</u> <u>CLUSTER</u>.

Captain <u>NICHOLAS</u> <u>E. BAILEY</u>, (0419154), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 February 1945 to 17 May 1945. Home address: Mr. James H. Bailey (father), 205 43rd Ave., Manhattan Beach, Calif.

2. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain <u>NICHOLAS</u> <u>E. BAILEY</u>, (0419154), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 18 May 1945 to 15 June 1945. Home address: Mr. James H. Bailey (father), 205 43rd Ave., Manhattan Beach, Calif.

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 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. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Sergeant ALFRED CHIECA, (32874227), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 16 May 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Frances Chieca (Mother), 97-11 76th St., Ozone Park, Long Island, N.Y.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Sergeant <u>JOSEPH</u> <u>W. GUTMANN</u>, (36073409), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 31 May 1945 to 23 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Gutmann (Mother), Ashland, Ill.

Staff Sergeant <u>DREW MARKT</u>, (19084681), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 May 1945 to 17 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Edna Markt (Wife), 4121 20th St., San Francisco, Calif.

Sergeant <u>DEAN</u> <u>W. RENNER</u>, (39383540), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 May 1945 to 2 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rosemond Renner (Mother), Route 3, Monroe City, Mo.

3. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

First Lieutenant ARCHIE A. YELVINGTON, JR., (0820182), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 May 1945 to 21 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rochelle Crosthwait (Mother), 130 S. Oleander Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

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 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD. 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

1. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Sergeant PHILIP C. RAINONE, (32874351), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 31 May 1945 to 23 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Carolina F. Rainone (Mother), 8632 102nd Ave., Ozone Park, N.Y.

Sergeant <u>NEEDHAM B. STUART</u>, (34670084), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 13 May 1945 to 23 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Stuart (Mother), Route 1, Carey, N.C.

2. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant <u>FRANKLIN</u> <u>C. BESSE</u>, (32874351), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 May 1945 to 6 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Franklin W. L. Besse (Father), 34 Luculle St., Providence, R. I.

Technical Sergeant MARK M. ROSE, (18158459), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 May 1945 to 2 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Jane E. Rose (Mother), 217 Price St., Corpus Christi, Tex.

Sergeant <u>CARL</u> J. <u>SISCO</u>, (32385769), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 May 1945 to 15 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Rita Sisco (Wife), 211 East 17th St., Paterson, N.J.

3. SIXTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Technical Sergeant MICHAEL J. SPISAK, (15017552), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 March 1945 to 9 June 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Anna Slimak (Mother), 2115 Waterbury Road, Lakewood, 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 and enlisted men by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 1243, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 22 June 1945, a 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).

Second Lieutenant <u>DONALD</u> F. <u>MC KEON</u>, (0693867), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 May 1945 to 20 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank McKeon (Father), 130 Main St., S., Hadley Falls, Mass.

Second Lieutenant <u>LEVERN</u> <u>M. MELLSTROM</u>, (0711763), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 May 1945 to 25 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Jonas M. Mellstrom (Father), Box 103, Salol, Minn.

Sergeant <u>EDWARD J. REINHOLTZ</u>, (36291966), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 31 May 1945 to 23 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Augusta M. Reinholtz (Mother), 422 North 28th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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 operaoperational 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, a third 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).

Second Lieutenant <u>RICHARD</u> <u>E. COSTINE</u>, (0822385), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 May 1945 to 2 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Harold E. Costine (Father), 167 Park Ave., Springfield, Mass.

Staff Sergeant <u>ALBERT A. KURTO</u>, (31173969), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 May 1945 to 22 June 1945. Home address: Mr. Jonas M. Mellstrom (Father), Box 103, Salol, Minn.

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. 412, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 20 March 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).

Staff Sergeant RONALD C. GIBSON, (32372903), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 may 1945 to 27 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Peck (Mother), 44 Main St., Norwood, N.Y.

Sergeant <u>JOSEPH P. MC DONALD</u>, (38402705), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 April 1945 to 6 June 1945. Home address: Mrs. Emma McDonald (Wife), Box 214, Madill, Okla.

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 First 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 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:

First 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 16 May 1945 to 9 June 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 (Mother), Box 301, Orbisonia, Penna.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O. COLEMAN by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 666, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 2 May 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:

Staff Sergeant <u>WILLIAM O. COLEMAN</u>, (33350412), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 27 May 1945 to 28 June 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 Sergeant Coleman during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: Mrs. Mary O. Coleman (Mother), R.R.1, LeRaysville, Penna.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain SAMUEL A. JONES by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 81, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 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 <u>SAMUEL A. JONES</u>, (0445260), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 27 April 1945 to 24 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 Jones during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: Mrs. Fernande G. Jones (Wife), 4069 Cromwell Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Corporal WALTER J. SHORETTE by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 225, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 7 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:

Corporal <u>WILLIAM J. SHORETTE</u>, (31282837), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 2 May 1945 to 8 June 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 Sergeant Coleman during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

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

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