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I. SILVER STAR. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant JAMES F. SCOTT, (0753250), Air Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Amboina Bay on 22 October 1944. Lieutenant Scott was the pilot of a Catalina Flying Boat providing rescue cover for a light bombardment strike in the Ceram area. After the fighter escort had been dismissed, he received a distress call from a pilot down in the bay. Though he knew that his airplane would be an easy target for enemy guns in the vicinity, he refused to wait for fighter protection to return, but proceeded immediately to effect the rescue. On approaching the distressed pilot an enemy fighter attacked, and heavy fire from shore guns hit his plane, but Lieutenant Scott ignored the fire and succeeded in rescuing the pilot. His gallantry and devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the United States Army Air Forces.
Home address: Mrs. James F. Scott (Wife), 644 Melville St.,
Rochester, N. Y.

II. DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Distinguished-Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant WILFRID R. HENKEY, (0801871), Air Corps, United States Army. Pilot.
Home address: Mrs. Delores J. Hankey (Wife), 2734 Hope St.,
Huntington Park, Calif.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM G. KEYWORTH, JR., (0692164), Air Corps, United States Army. Pilot.
Home address: Mrs. Cora E. Keyworth (Mother), 4012 Longfellow St., Hyattsville, Md.

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First Lieutenant WALTER I. OLSON, (0801897), Air Corps,
United States Army. Pilot.
Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Nubson (Sister), Greenbush, Minn.

First Lieutenant ALFRED P. ONSTRANDER, (0692196), Air Corps,
United States Army. Pilot.
Home address: Mr. Alfred C. Ostrander (Father), 332 Church St.,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

First Lieutenant SAM P. WALLIS, JR., (0805146), Air Corps,
United States Army. Pilot.
Home address: Mrs. Mary C. Wallis (Wife), 4303 Marguerite,
Tampa, Fla.

Captain RICHARD WILKINSON, (0798391), Air Corps, United States
Army. Pilot.
Home address: Mrs. Maud Wilkinson (Mother), 7 Second St.,
Walden, N. Y.

The citation is as follows:

For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight over the Makassar Strait on 20 November 1944. These officers were members of a flight of eight P-38 type aircraft which flew on an extreme-range strafing mission against enemy shipping. Though fuel reserves were dangerously low and the return flight was to be over enemy-held territory, the fighters pressed the attack and made repeated strafing runs in the face of intense enemy anti-aircraft fire. They sank five merchant ships and damaged a number of other vessels. Two of the P-38's were damaged, but all returned to their base with fuel tanks practically empty and ammunition depleted. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by these officers are worthy of the highest commendation.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Distinguished-Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant KENNETH N. HUNTER, (0739790), Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight off Jeffman Island, on 4 September 1944. As pilot of a Navy PBV type aircraft Lieutenant Hunter was directed to a fighter pilot down in the water within 1000 yards of enemy shore installations, and though his airplane was extremely vulnerable he proceeded to the indicated area. In the face of accurate anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire which holed his plane, Lieutenant Hunter descended to the

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distressed pilot's raft and while still in motion effected the rescue. His outstanding courage, and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest commendation.

Captain RICHARD J. LOVE, (0803030), Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight over the Macassar Strait on 20 November 1944. Captain Love was element leader in a flight of eight P-38 type aircraft which flew on an extreme-range strafing mission against enemy shipping off shore from Macassar. In the face of intense anti-aircraft fire he attacked and personally drew the fire of a defending enemy gun boat, thus permitting the other P-38's to hit the targets without serious damage to themselves. Although this action resulted in Captain Love's airplane being badly holed by hostile fire, it enabled the remaining members of the formation to sink five merchant ships and damage a number of other vessels. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Love are worthy of the highest commendation. Home address: Mrs. Hazel J. Love (Mother), 2100 George Ave., West Palm Beach, Fla.

III. DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS - Posthumous Award. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant ROBERT J. MORRISS, (0464173), Air Corps, United States Army. For extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Macassar Strait on 20 November 1944. This officer was a member of a flight of eight P-38 type aircraft which flew on an extreme-range strafing mission against enemy shipping. Though fuel reserves were dangerously low and the return flight was to be over enemy-held territory, the fighters pressed the attack and made repeated strafing runs in the face of intense enemy anti-aircraft fire. They sank five merchant ships and damaged a number of other vessels. Two of the P-38's were damaged, but all returned to their base with fuel tanks practically empty and ammunition depleted. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed Lieutenant Morriss are worthy of the highest commendation. Next of Kin: Mrs. Dorces D. Morris (Wife), 132 N. Lancaster St., Dallas, Tex.

IV. SOLDIER'S MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers and enlisted man:

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Second Lieutenant CLARENCE F. RICH, (0803030), Air Corps, United States Army. For heroism on Middleburg Island on 10 January 1945. Lieutenant Rich was co-pilot of a B-25 which crash-landed in the water. He and four other members of the crew had made their exit from the sinking bomber when they noticed that the pilot was lying inside, unconscious. Lieutenant Rich plunged into the cockpit, now rapidly filling with water, and with great difficulty succeeded in releasing the pilot's safety belt and bringing his head out into the air. When the crew members tried to bring the unconscious man into their raft, they found that his foot was still caught in the airplane. Lieutenant Rich went under water again and released the foot only to have the sinking aircraft drag the pilot's body down with it. Without regard to the great danger of being caught in the tangled wreckage, he clung to the body until the pressure at the depth of thirty feet forced him to abandon the rescue. The courage and devotion beyond the call of duty displayed by Lieutenant Rich reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service.

Home address: Mrs. Madeline J. Rich (Wife), 2331 H St.,
Sacramento, Calif.

Second Lieutenant HUBERT B. WALKER, JR. (0693578), Air Corps, United States Army. For heroism at Wadke Island, on 23 September 1944. On hearing a cry for help, Lieutenant Walker rushed to the aid of a fellow officer who was drowning in the turbulent waters off shore. Though badly cut when a huge wave threw him onto the sharp, ragged coral, Lieutenant Walker proceeded into the deep water and gained control of the frantically struggling man. With great effort and skill he negotiated the difficult waters and brought the helpless victim to safety. The heroism and disregard for personal safety displayed by Lieutenant Walker reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service.

Home address: Mr. Hubert B. Walker, Sr., (Father), Wagoner, Okla.

Corporal RALPH L. WAXMAN, (32324737), Air Corps, United States Army. For heroism near APO 159 on 23 December 1944. Corporal Waxman watching infantrymen, loaded with full packs and field equipment, making practice assault landings on the beach, saw a landing craft overturn, causing three of the infantrymen to fall into the rough water. Seeing the men struggling desperately, Corporal Waxman immediately removed his clothing and went to the aid of the one who seemed to be having the most trouble. Due to the rough sea he had difficulty getting to the man and upon reaching him attempted to remove some of his clothing and equipment. Corporal Waxman then grasped the man by his hair and swam with him toward one of the boats sixty yards away. A number of times large waves almost engulfed the two men, but Corporal Waxman finally reached the boat where

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the man was put aboard. His heroism in risking his life to save the life of another soldier is worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Goldie Waxman (Wife), 1852 64th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

V. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant DAVID M. GUY, (0574836), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area from 19 January 1944 to 1 September 1944.
Home address: Mrs. Roxanne N. Guy (Wife), 611 Exchange St., Union City, Tenn.

Technical Sergeant LLEWELLYN B. MUXLOW, (6258254), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area from 23 March 1943 to 14 November 1944.
Home address: Mrs. Ethel R. Muxlow (Mother), 1327 S. Eric St., Tulsa, Okla.

VI. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 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 Section I, General Orders No. 80, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, dated 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). The citation is as follows:

1. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Technical Sergeant CHARLES M. BLEDSOE, (18051602), Air Corps, United States Army. Aerial Engineer.
Home address: Mrs. Edward Oline (Mother), 19454 Valerie St., Reseda, Calif.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS C. HIBBARD, (15037752), Air Corps, United States Army. Surgical Technician.
Home address: Mrs. Anne Green (Mother), 3572 Colorain Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sergeant RICHARD A. LITTLEFIELD, (31147331), Air Corps, United States Army. Observer.

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Home address: Mrs. Hope E. Littlefield (Wife), 67 Congress St.,
Belfast, Maine.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Sergeant VICTOR G. FRANK, (15327502), Air Corps, United States Army. Radio Operator.

Home address: Mr. Victor E. Frank (Mother), 20 Canterbury Drive,
Dayton, Ohio.

The citations is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight off Jeffman Island on 4 September 1944. These enlisted men were crew members of a Navy PBV type aircraft which was directed to a fighter pilot down in the water within 1000 yards of enemy shore installations. In the face of accurate anti-aircraft and machine gun fire which holed their slow and vulnerable airplane, they descended to the stricken pilot's raft, and while still in motion, effected the rescue. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these men are worthy of commendation.

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 Section I, General Orders No. 81, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 January 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). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. HOLBROOK, (0753217), Air Corps, United States Army. Pilot.

Home address: Mrs. Sophie R. Holbrook (Wife), 808 E. Buchtel,
Arrow, Ohio.

First Lieutenant JOHN L. HOTZ, (0375441), Air Corps, United States Army. Navigator.

Home address: Mrs. Margie E. Hotz (Mother), 726 W. First St.,
Delphos, Ohio.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight off Jeffman Island on 4 September 1944. These officers were crew members of a Navy PBV type aircraft which was directed to a fighter pilot down in the water within 1000 yards of enemy shore installations. In the face of accurate anti-aircraft and machine-gun fire which holed their slow and vulnerable airplane, they

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descended to the stricken pilot's raft, and, while still in motion effected the rescue. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these men are worthy of commendation.

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 Section III, General Orders No. 163, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 23 January 1945, a fourth 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 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:

Sergeant WILLIAM A. ALLMAN, (15140689), Air Corps, United States Army. Radio Operator.
Home address: Mr. A. J. Allman (Father), Route #2, Tiffin, Ohio.

First Lieutenant FRANK N. RAUSCHKOLB, (0753244), Air Corps, United States Army. Pilot.
Home address: Mrs. Fred Rauschkolb (Mother), Route #1, Freewater, Ore.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Amboine Bay on 22 October 1944. This officer and enlisted man were crew members of a Catalina Flying Boat providing rescue cover for a light bombardment strike in the Ceram Area. After the fighter escort had been dismissed they received a distress call from a pilot down in the bay. Though they knew that their airplane would be an easy target for enemy guns in the vicinity, they did not wait for fighter protection to return, but proceeded immediately to effect the rescue. On approaching the distressed pilot, an enemy fighter attacked, and heavy fire from shore guns hit their plane, but they ignored the fire and succeeded in rescuing the pilot. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by this officer and enlisted man are worthy of commendation.

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 Section I, 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. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Private First Class NEEDHAM B. STUART, JR. (34670084), Air Corps, United States Army. Aerial Engineer.
Home address: Mrs. Virginia S. Stuart (Mother), Route #1,
Cary, N. C.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR E. GOLDENBAUM, (32077310), Air Corps, United States Army. Observer.
Home address: Mrs. Viola V. Goldenbaum (Wife), 112 S. Cook St.,
N.E. Trenton, N. J.

For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Amboina Bay on 22 October 1944. These enlisted men were crew members of a Catalina Flying Boat providing rescue cover for a light bombardment strike in the Ceram Area. After the fighter escort had been dismissed they received a distress call from a pilot down in the bay. Though they knew that their airplane would be an easy target for enemy guns in the vicinity, they did not wait for fighter protection to return, but proceeded immediately to effect the rescue. On approaching the distressed pilot, an enemy fighter attacked, and heavy fire from shore guns hit their plane, but they ignored the fire and succeeded in rescuing the pilot. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by these enlisted men are worthy of commendation.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant FRANK W. ABELE by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, 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:


First Lieutenant FRANK W. ABELE, (0791543), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Amboina Bay on 22 October 1944. This officer was a crew member of a Catalina Flying Boat providing rescue cover for a light bombardment strike in the Ceram Area. After the fighter escort had been dismissed they received a distress call from a pilot down in the bay. Though they knew that their airplane would be an easy target for enemy guns in the vicinity, they did not wait for fighter protection to return, but proceeded immediately to effect the rescue. On approaching the distressed pilot, an enemy fighter attacked, and heavy fire from shore guns hit their plane, but they ignored the fire and

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succeeded in rescuing the pilot. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Abele are worthy of commendation. Home address: Mrs. Anne M Abele (Mother), 1328 Gladys Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

VIII. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - Award to Personnel Missing in Action. By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant JOHN W. KIRK, JR., missing in action, by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 126, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 20 January 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:

Staff Sergeant JOHN W. KIRK, JR., (33646881), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight over Negros Island on 8 November 1944. When an enemy fighter appeared in front of the plane in which this enlisted man was nose gunner, he fired a long burst into it and sent the hostile aircraft crashing to the ground. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Kirk are worthy of commendation. Home address: Mrs. Amanda Kirk (Mother), Big Stone Gap, Va.


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