

Last Name — First Name — Middle Iniz <b>WIENTJES, GERARD F</b>		Serial Number <b>0374107</b>	Grade <b>Capt</b>	Organization <b>AC</b>				
Headquarters Issuing Orders <b>APG 925</b> <b>ENGINEER Far East A.F.</b>		General <b>371</b>	Order Number Special	Date of Orders <b>12 March 45</b>	Rescinded	Revoked	Amended	Corrected Copy
Type of Award  <b>DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS</b>	Posthumous  <b>NO</b>	Oak Leaf Clusters		O. L. C. Number				
Present Status If Living								
Citation								
<p>For extraordinary achievement while participating in as aerial flight near *****on 19 Dec 44. Returning from a rescue mission in their Army Catalina type aircraft, these officers were ordered to investigate the report of a Navy Catalina down in the bay. Making a landing in unknown waters, they learned from <del>XXXXXX</del> natives that the <del>XXX</del> six crew members of the stricken aircraft had been forced to take to the mountains five miles away because of the danger from the Japanese garrison nearby. Risking detection by the enemy, Captain Wientjes and Lieutenant Carothers took off again to fly <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> closer to the missing flyers' hideout and, landing amid Edangerous coral reefs, made contact with three of the airmen, After <del>XXXXXXXX</del> dispatching a native to inform the other three, who had gone further back into the mountains, that they would be rescued on the following day, they took off with the survivors and, flying through heavy rainstorms, <del>XXXXXX</del> arrived safely at their base, The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by these officers are worthy of commendation.</p>								
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