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I. AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, 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), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant JOE L. BLANSETT, (38568829), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 June 1945 to 26 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant CLAYTON L. GREGERSEN, (02072447), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 June 1945 to 28 July 1945.

Sergeant HARLAN M. HAGAN, (37091551), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 June 1945 to 26 July 1945.

Corporal WILLIAM S. HARROLD, (35098858), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 16 June 1945 to 22 July 1945.

Second Lieutenant FRANK P. HAYES, (0768089), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 June 1945 to 25 July 1945.

Sergeant ROBERT N. HUBBARD, (13155251), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 June 1945 to 26 July 1945.

Corporal IRVING SEGALL, (32705085), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 July 1945 to 1 August 1945.

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 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 1945 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

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1. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain RUSSELL D. TOMS, (0429315), Air Corps, United States Army.  
For operational flight missions from 7 May 1945 to 8 June 1945.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain DELOS H. BURKS, (0789756), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 June 1945 to 1 August 1945.

Flight Officer EARL G. FUGETT, JR., (T129411), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 June 1945 to 13 July 1945.

Sergeant MILTON GOLDSTEIN, (39298369), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 June 1945 to 27 June 1945.

Captain RUSSELL D. TOMS, (0429315), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 9 June 1945 to 26 July 1945.

3. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant FRANK W. CEVA, (0834379), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 5 July 1945 to 7 August 1945.

Second Lieutenant ALBERT CHAFETZ, (0925738), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 June 1945 to 29 July 1945.

First Lieutenant EARL HUTCHINGS, (0819819), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 June 1945 to 2 August 1945.

Sergeant DANIEL SPERBER, (12123458), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 June 1945 to 24 July 1945.

First Lieutenant JAMES F. WATKINS, JR., (02064363), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 June 1945 to 25 July 1945.

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 of 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. 1476, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 13 July 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.

Flight Officer VERNON G. GROSVERNOR, (T65774), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 June 1945 to 20 July 1945.

Sergeant FRANCIS J. STALPINSKI, (11086434), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 June 1945 to 27 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant JOHN J. ZIEGLER, (19038670), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 June 1945 to 20 July 1945.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Sergeant CLARENCE L. COON, JR., (34836432), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 15 July 1945 to 5 August 1945.

Second Lieutenant BRYAN W. GUESS, (0823570), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 July 1945 to 5 August 1945.

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

1. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant RONALD C. GIBSON, (32372903), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 June 1945 to 12 August 1945.

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Technical Sergeant GEORGE E. GRINDLE, (6956664), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 21 May 1945 to 19 July 1945.

2. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Technical Sergeant GEORGE E. GRINDLE, (6956664), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 20 July 1945 to 7 August 1945.

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 of 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. 1440, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 July 1945, a second 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).

Staff Sergeant FRANK J. COPE, (14061943), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 21 June 1945 to 29 July 1945.

Second Lieutenant HENRY M. WOLLUM, (0711290), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 June 1945 to 10 August 1945.

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 of 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 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 fourth Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to

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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 WILLIAM O. COLEMAN, (333350412), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 29 June 1945 to 1 August 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 of 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.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Major DONALD D. CORLETT 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 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:

Major DONALD D. CORLETT, (0238482), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 8 February 1945 to 5 August 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 of operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Major Corlett 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 WILLIS L. HELMANTOLER by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 163, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 January 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:

Captain WILLIS L. HELMANTOLER, (0665020), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 31 April 1945 to 24 July 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 of operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Helmantoler during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

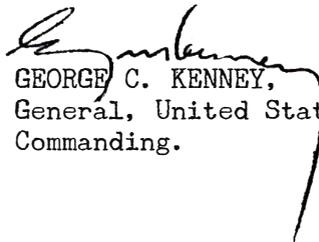
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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Sergeant LAWRENCE R. HOLLEY by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 571, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 19 April 1945, 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:

Sergeant LAWRENCE R. HOLLEY, (15338371), 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 29 July 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 Holley 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 Sergeant NEEDHAM B. STUART by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 80, 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:

Sergeant NEEDHAM B. STUART, (34670084), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 24 June 1945 to 8 August 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 Stuart during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

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

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