

12 March 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)

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NO 380)

AWARDS OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (AIR MEDAL):

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD, 1942), a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Air Medal, is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers:

JOHN KEITH WOODY, (O-728442), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as navigator from 8 April to 6 July 1943, in sustained bomber search and strike missions. Flights were performed in combat areas where exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected. Lieutenant Woody's services reflect great credit on the Army Air Forces. Home Address: Madison, Wisconsin.

HOWARD B. LEIBUNDGUTH, (O-739973), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as pilot from 29 June to 8 August 1943, in sustained aerial flights on transport missions. These flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. The services of Lieutenant Leibundguth reflect great credit on the Army Air Forces. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD, 1942), a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Air Medal, is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat operational missions. Flights were of a hazardous nature during which an area was traversed where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective, or where enemy airplanes or exposure to enemy fire were habitually expected and in numerous instances encountered. Each individual exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States.

GEORGE T. CHANDLER, (O-727406), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, as flight leader from 11 November to 17 November 1943. Home Address: Wichita, Kansas.

CYRUS RAYMOND GLADEN, (O-663035), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 27 December 1943 to 12 January 1944. Home Address: Guthrie, Minnesota.

STUART H. CROCKETT, (O-792966), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 1 January to 10 January 1944. Home Address: Bradenton, Florida.

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