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I. AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Sull. 9, 43, 1926), a Distinguished-Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officer:

HOWARD E. LEIBHENDUTH, (O-730173), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, Pilot, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period of 8 August to 21 September 1943, in over 140 hours of operational air flights on transport missions. These flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. This makes over 140 hours of operational air flights of like nature in which he has participated. Previous recognition that Lieutenant Leibhenduth has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Home address: Chicago, Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Sull. 9, 43, 1926), a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Distinguished-Flying Cross, is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officer:

WILLIAM SILVER FLOOD, (O-732217), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, Flight Commander, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period of 8 August to 13 August 1943, in five heavy bomber strike parties. All of these combat operational missions were of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was met, or during which an area was traversed where enemy anti-aircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. These flights make thirty of like nature in which he has participated. Previous recognition that Lieutenant Flood has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Home Address: New York City, New York.

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

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9137, 11 May 1942 (Sull. 28, 40, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9243-A, 11 September 1942 (Sull. 45, 46, 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 in destroying an enemy airplane while participating in aerial combat.

BILL HARRIS, (O-732239), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, as flight leader on 9 February 1944. This was the second airplane shot down by Captain Harris on this date. Home Address: Springville, California.

DONALD S. STEWART, (O-734843), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as flight leader on 15 February 1944. Home address: Glen Lake, Minnesota.

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I. AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. 8, WD, 1926), a Distinguished-Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officer:

HOWARD B. LEIBUNDGUTH, (O-739973), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, Pilot, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period of 8 August to 21 September 1943, in over 100 hours of operational air flights on transport missions. These flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. This makes over 300 hours of operational air flights of like nature in which he has participated. Previous recognition that Lieutenant Leibundguth has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. 8, WD, 1926), a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Distinguished-Flying Cross, is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officer:

WILLIAM SIDNEY FLOOD, (O-726217), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, Flight Commander, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period of 6 August to 13 August 1943, in five heavy bomber strike sorties. All of these combat operational missions were of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was met, or during which an area was traversed where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. These flights make thirty of like nature in which he has participated. Previous recognition that Lieutenant Flood has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Home Address: New York City, New York.

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III. AWARDS OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (AIR MEDAL) Cont'd.:

KENNETH I. McCLOUD, (O-743480), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader on 28 January 1944. Home Address: Santa Ana, California.