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I. AWARD OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS)  
TO PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION:

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, missing in action:

MARION D. URRUH, (O-298478), Colonel, Air Corps, United States Army, Group Commander, for extraordinary achievement while participating in five heavy bomber strike sorties during the period of 16 October to 30 October 1943. 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-five of like nature in which Colonel Unruh has participated. Previous recognition that he has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Next of Kin: Mrs. Yozelle Davis Unruh, Wife, Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

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 enlisted man:

FRED H. GOLDSTEIN, (15084704), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, Aerial Radio Operator, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period of 2 September to 10 November 1943, in over 105 hours of aerial flight on transport missions, making over 515 hours of such flight in which he has participated. All of these flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. Previous recognition that Sergeant Goldstein has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Home Address: Shaker Heights, Ohio.

III. AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL:

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), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named enlisted men for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat operational missions. Flights 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. Each individual exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States.

III. AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL (Cont'd.):

STUART J. PAGE, (16069665), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator gunner from 2 November to 11 November 1943. Home Address: Arlington Heights, Illinois.

GEORGE A. WAGNER, (16064464), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial gunner from 12 August to 2 September 1943. Home Address: Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

HARDY HIGHTOWER, JR., (18063551), Corporal, Air Corps, United States Army, as assistant aerial engineer from 17 November to 28 November 1943. Home Address: Green Mount Falls, Colorado.

BERT H. McINTYRE, JR., (39556797), Corporal, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial photographer from 28 October 1943 to 10 February 1944. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

ROBERT O. RUSSELL, (16023193), Corporal, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial gunner from 17 November to 26 November 1943. Home Address: Colfax, Wisconsin.

HOWARD J. WOODALL, (37561569), Corporal, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial photographer from 5 February to 23 February 1944. Home Address: St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

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.

DONALD M. DESSERT, (0-743320), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 15 January to 29 February 1944. Home Address: El Segundo, California.

FRANCIS E. PARKER, (0-743489), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 26 December 1943 to 18 February 1944. Home Address: Gehena, Illinois.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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