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Awards of the Air Medal I.
Awards of the Oak-Leaf Cluster (Air Medal) II.

I. AWARDS OF THE 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), an 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 aerial flights on transport missions. These missions were of a hazardous nature involving over-water flights of long distance. Their services reflect great credit on the Army Air Forces.

JOHN COTTEN, JR., (O-809673), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 2 November 1943 to 29 January 1944. Home Address: Wesson, Mississippi.

WILLIAM H. EVANS, (O-810127), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 4 November 1943 to 20 January 1944. Home Address: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers and enlisted man for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flights on transport missions. These flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. Their services reflect great credit on the Army Air Forces.

JACK ROESSELL, (O-421655), Major, Air Corps, United States Army, as squadron commander from 30 July to 24 December 1943. Home Address: Lewiston, Idaho.

VICTOR W. BOGUTSKI, (O-738813), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 4 August to 9 September 1943. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

NORMAN W. BARNES, (O-805551), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 30 December 1943 to 13 February 1944. Home Address: Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

ABRAHAM COHEN, (O-800635), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 11 July to 1 September 1943. Home Address: Newburyport, Massachusetts.

FRANK R. HOUP, (O-804826), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 16 September to 9 October 1943. Home Address: Carthage, New York.

STANLEY F. PAGE, (O-744861), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 7 August to 9 September 1943. Home Address: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

✓ KARL E. PETERS, (O-665605), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 12 July to 12 August 1943. Home Address: Faxon, Oklahoma.

I. AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL (Contd):

EUGENE H. RICHARDS, (O-804873), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 15 September to 12 October 1943. Home Address: Toccoa, Georgia.

CHARLES C. WOODALL, (O-2042990), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 26 July to 8 September 1943. Home Address: New Holstein, Wisconsin.

GERALD M. REVENE, (32406919), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer from 30 September 1943 to 25 January 1944. Home Address: Wheelwright, Massachusetts.

II. 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.

ROBERT P. BOAL, (O-727393), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, as flight leader from 11 October 1943 to 20 February 1944. Home Address: Los Angeles, California.

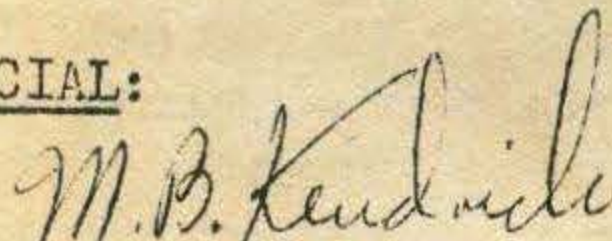
RICHARD W. KOENIG, (O-429814), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, as flight leader from 15 July to 24 July 1943. Home Address: Windsor, Colorado.

RAY W. BEZNER, (O-496110), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 16 June to 2 July 1943. Home Address: Gainesville, Texas.

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