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I. AWARDS (POSTHUMOUS) 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers:

RALPH F. ANDREWS, (O-406502), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as pilot from 3 March to 19 March 1943 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 antiaircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. Captain Andrews exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Sara J. Andrews, Wife, 922 Burnet Street, San Antonio, Texas.

KENNETH R. HOUGH, (O-674771), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as navigator bombardier from 23 December 1943 to 9 January 1944 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 antiaircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. Lieutenant Hough exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. C. L. Hough, Mother, 709 East Logan Street, Ottawa, Kansas.

II. 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 officer and enlisted man:

STANLEY F. PAGE, (O-744861), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as navigator from 14 January to 29 February 1944 in sustained aerial flights on transport missions. These flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. The service of Lieutenant Page reflects great credit on the Army Air Forces. Home Address: South Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HERMAN D. POWELL, (6397007), Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as surgical technician from 18 September to 16 December 1943 in sustained aerial flights on evacuation transport missions. These flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. The service of Sergeant Powell reflects great credit on the military forces of the United States. Home Address: Nashville, Tennessee.

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

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 and 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.

ROBERT J. MORRIS, (0-429096), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 10 November to 24 November 1943. Home Address: St. Louis, Missouri.

ARCHIBALD A. NANCE, (0-675106), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as copilot from 15 December 1943 to 11 February 1944. Home Address: Cortland, Ohio.

JAMES P. RYAN, JR., (0-747326), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as copilot from 13 February to 26 February 1944. Home Address: Phoenix, Arizona.

THOMAS E. SANSCHAGRIN, (0-797406), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 30 October to 8 November 1943. Home Address: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MARION F. SMITH, (0-734149), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 6 December to 18 December 1943. Home Address: Louisville, Kentucky.

EDWARD G. ZUPPINGER, (32283302), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial photographer gunner from 23 May to 12 June 1943. Home Address: Buffalo, New York.

ALBERT J. ABOUD, (38159633), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as assistant aerial radio operator from 19 February to 28 February 1944. Home Address: Corpus Christi, Texas.


FORREST L. BAGBY, (32396028), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial gunner from 26 February to 5 March 1944. Home Address: Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM R. SMITH, (16034556), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as assistant aerial engineer gunner from 15 February to 29 February 1944. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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