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I. AWARDS OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (AIR MEDAL) TO PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION:

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, missing in action:

VERNON R. ASKINE, (O-735732), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as pilot from 6 July to 18 July 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. Lieutenant Askine exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mr. V. R. Askine, Father, 933 Fiftieth Street, Sacramento, California.

JOE G. HERZOG, (18015749), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as aerial engineer gunner from 8 March to 10 July 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. Sergeant Herzog exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Annie Mary Herzog, Mother, Stanton, Texas.

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

I. 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 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.

PAUL J. WHITAKER, (O-1694261), Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army, as flight surgeon from 15 September 1943 to 6 January 1944. Home Address: Riverview Drive, Weirton, West Virginia.

ABRAHAM COHEN, (O-800635), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 1 January to 25 February 1944. Home Address: 30 Prospect Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts.

STEPHEN J. MANOTKA, (O-804857), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 27 January to 16 February 1944. Home Address: 1028 East Ferry Street, Buffalo, New York.

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

DONALD L. ZIDLER, (O-666498), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 1 January to 2 March 1944. Home Address: 2301 McClellon, Houston, Texas.

ROY H. SHEENS, (O-740965), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 22 September to 19 October 1943. Home Address: 1130 Twenty-fourth Street, Richmond, California.

CHARLES C. WOODALL, (O-2042990), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 1 December 1943 to 11 January 1944. Home Address: New Holstein, Wisconsin.

GEORGE W. KILLEBREW, (34117778), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer from 14 July to 11 November 1943. Home Address: Tarboro, North Carolina.

JAMES E. POSEY, (34267692), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer from 6 December 1943 to 10 February 1944. Home Address: 722 Fourteenth Avenue, Cordale, Georgia.

2. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order, No. 9159, 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.

MARSHALL T. VOSE, (O-401268), Major, Air Corps, United States Army, as squadron commander and pilot from 24 December 1943 to 25 February 1944. Home Address: 43 High Street, Farmington, Maine.

ARTHUR J. FINNELL, (O-799923), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 16 February to 28 February 1944. Home Address: 16 Brookline Avenue, Westfield, Massachusetts.

MARVIN C. DAVIS, (14151591), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer from 28 February to 7 March 1944. Home Address: Flora, Mississippi.

HOWARD J. WOODALL, (37561569), Corporal, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial photographer from 2 March to 17 March 1944. Home Address: 1816 Sanford Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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