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I. 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 officers 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 antiaircraft 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.

JACK M. COBB, (O-665966), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 10 June to 26 June 1943. Home Address: Houston, Texas.

CARL O. BEISSER, (O-796647), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 10 June to 26 June 1943. Home Address: 1114 South Third Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

MELVILLE BROWN, (O-734417), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as bombardier from 10 June to 26 June 1943. Home Address: 87 Fourteenth Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia.

II. 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 enlisted men, missing in action:

RUSSELL H. McCARTHY, (31231621), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as aerial gunner from 24 February to 11 March 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. Sergeant McCarthy exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Ellen McCarthy, Mother, 77 Cottage Street, Framingham, Massachusetts.

CARL W. PROST, (13090008), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as aerial gunner from 7 March to 15 March 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. Sergeant Prost exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Katarina Prost, Mother, Claridge, Pennsylvania.



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

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JOHN E. ALLEN, (O-737513), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 25 October to 1 December 1943. Home Address: Cody, Wyoming.

GALE A. DALMANN, (O-737547), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 29 October to 9 December 1943. Home Address: 1403 McKinley Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

HOWARD B. LEIBUNDGUTH, (O-739973), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 30 November 1943 to 14 January 1944. Home Address: 3051 North Parkside, Chicago, Illinois.

KARL E. PETERS, (O-665605), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 4 November to 2 December 1943. Home Address: Faxson, Oklahoma.

ROBERT F. BARRETT, (O-739377), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 18 October to 16 November 1943. Home Address: 6035 Merella Avenue, North Hollywood, California.

WALTER L. CONARD, (O-740070), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 2 November to 25 December 1943. Home Address: Lee Summit, Missouri.

EDGAR B. HETZLER, (O-677271), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 9 November to 27 December 1943. Home Address: 208 West Sixth Street, Junction City, Kansas.

FRANK R. HOUP, (O-804826), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 10 October to 13 November 1943. Home Address: 33½ Bridge Street, Carthage, New York.

JOHN T. COKER, JR., (18050351), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator from 26 June to 26 August 1943. Home Address: Purcell, Oklahoma.

GEORGE A. KILZER, (17025155), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator from 7 June to 6 August 1943. Home Address: Richardton, North Dakota.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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