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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 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.

ABRAHAM COHEN, (0-800635), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 30 May to 9 July 1943. Home Address: 30 Prospect Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts.

JAMES B. POSEY, (34267692), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer from 11 February to 11 March 1944. Home Address: 722 Fourteenth Avenue, Cordale, Georgia.

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 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 E. ALLEN, (0-737513), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 2 December 1943 to 17 January 1944. Home Address: Cody, Wyoming.

KARL E. PETERS, (0-665605), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 3 December 1943 to 23 January 1944. Home Address: Faxson, Oklahoma.

ROY H. SKEENS, (0-740965), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 16 January to 4 March 1944. Home Address: 1130 Twenty-fourth Street, Richmond, California.

ROBERT F. BARRETT, (0-739377), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 20 November 1943 to 21 January 1944. Home Address: 6035 Morella Avenue, North Hollywood, California.

NORMAN E. BAXTER, (0-740343), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 5 December 1943 to 10 February 1944. Home Address: Clearfield, Iowa.

EDWIN B. BUCKINGHAM, JR., (0-809639), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 22 December 1943 to 13 February 1944. Home Address: 37 Jackson Street, Binghamton, New York.

CARL F. COPELAND, (0-811318), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 13 December 1943 to 14 February 1944. Home Address: San Diego Club, San Diego, California.

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

EDGAR B. HETZLER, (O-677271), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 28 December 1943 to 15 February 1944. Home Address: 208 West Sixth Street, Junction City, Kansas.

FRANK R. HOUP, (O-804826), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 15 November 1943 to 13 January 1944. Home Address: 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bridge Street, Carthage, New York.

EUGENE H. RICHARDS, (O-804873), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as navigator from 11 November 1943 to 7 January 1944. Home Address: 216 West Franklin Street, Toccoa, Georgia.

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HUBERT L. CHARBONEAU, (37307696), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer gunner from 21 January to 30 January 1944. Home Address: Warren, Minnesota.

FRANK C. HILL, (38160251), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator gunner from 11 November to 23 November 1943. Home Address: Willis, Texas.

CHARLES S. HILLHOUSE, (37342836), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator gunner from 9 November to 21 November 1943. Home Address: 2015 North Rover Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

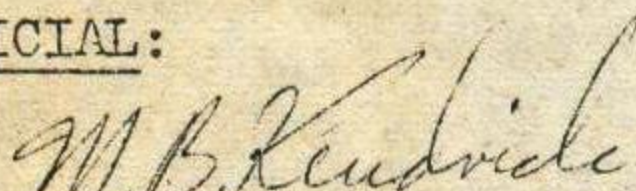
DONOVAN K. LONG, (38045727), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer gunner from 2 August to 18 November 1943. Home Address: 1803 Fairmount Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

RICHARD O. SCHERER, (17035887), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial gunner from 9 November to 21 November 1943. Home Address: Lake Park, Minnesota.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

A. J. BARNETT,
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