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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:

RALPH E. SMALLEY, (0-672985), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as bombardier from 19 January to 20 February 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 Smalley exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mr. Richard Smalley, Father, 7 Depot Street, Friendship, New York.

BERNARD J. McDONALD, (33398554), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as assistant radio operator gunner from 15 February to 9 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 McDonald exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Next of Kin: Mrs. Bernardine McDonald, Mother, 349 Gove Street, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

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 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 H. DERR, (0-667669), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as flight leader from 3 March to 21 March 1944. Home Address: 41 Raymond Street, Rockville Center, New York.

DONALD M. DESSERT, (0-743320), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 1 March to 27 March 1944. Home Address: 635 West Maple Avenue, El Segundo, California.

JOHN M. KAYE, (0-667724), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 4 March to 22 March 1944. Home Address: 416 North Seventh Street, Columbus, Mississippi.

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

JOHN J. LAFFEY, (O-885253), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 3 March to 15 March 1944. Home Address: 1503 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

WALLACE SAUNDERS, JR., (O-667760), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 14 March to 21 March 1944. Home Address: 3915 Congress Street, Dallas, Texas.

RICHARD O. STEWART, (O-743431), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as element leader from 20 February to 26 March 1944. Home Address: 112 Dertmouth Avenue, Southwest, Canton, Ohio.

ROY J. VEAZEY, (O-789963), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as Flight leader from 20 November 1943 to 7 March 1944. Home Address: Jeanerette, Louisiana.

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 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.

WILLIAM E. SMITH, (O-660830), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 16 October to 18 November 1943. Home Address: 209 Wilcox Street, Coffeyville, Kansas.

CHARLES C. WOODALL, (O-2042990), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 26 June to 25 July 1943. Home Address: New Holstein, Wisconsin.

JOHN W. WATKINS, (15057609), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial engineer from 9 June to 28 July 1943. Home Address: 2240 East Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio.

JOHN T. COKER, JR., (18050351), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator from 22 October to 10 December 1943. Home Address: Purcell, Oklahoma.

GEORGE A. KILZER, (17025155), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator from 3 December 1943 to 23 January 1944. Home Address: Richardton, North Dakota.

KENNETH D. WALLACE, (17028623), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial radio operator from 16 August to 10 October 1943. Home Address: Barnard, Kansas.

By Command of Lieutenant General HARMON:

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