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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Master Sergeant ERNEST L. ANDO, (15013157), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 31 August 1943 to 17 November 1943. Home address: Mrs. John H. Ando (Mother), 7838 Lewis Ave., Temperance, Mich.

Second Lieutenant JAMES M. ARDREY, (0-743158), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 May 1944 to 14 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Wilma Ardrey (Wife), c/o Roy Calver, Green Ridge, Mo.

Sergeant DONALD L. BECHSTEIN, (36183669), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 July 1943 to 25 September 1943. Home address: Mr. Fred Bechstein (Father), Fife Lake, Mich.

Technical Sergeant HOWARD D. BELL, (39165566), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 June 1943 to 17 November 1943. Home address: Mrs. J. N. Freeman (Mother), 1437 Church St., Kingsburg, Calif.

Sergeant RODNEY E. BELL, (15087157), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 December 1942 to 27 August 1943. Home address: Mr. Thomas E. Bell (Father), Route #5, Hodgenville, Ky.

Sergeant JOHN W. BENDER, (13128544), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 19 September 1943 to 26 April 1944. Home address: Miss Mary Bender (Sister), 946 West 23rd St., Erie, Pa.

Second Lieutenant STUART BERNSTEIN, (0-814009), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 November 1943 to 20 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Eugene Bernstein (Father), 77 W. Washington, Chicago, Ill.

Corporal CASPER J. BIEDENBACH, (15072149), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 January 1943 to 30 December 1943. Home address: Mr. Casper H. Biedenbach (Father), 1105 4th St. S.W., Canton, Ohio.

Sergeant PAUL R. BOWMAN, (13153914), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 November 1943 to 19 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Pauline T. Bowman (Mother), 7303 Briar Road, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sergeant LOUIS E. BRODER, (12169900), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 November 1943 to 27 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Saddle Broder (Mother), 816 Strawberry St., McKeesport, Pa.

Second Lieutenant ROGER G. CADY, (0-814022), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 19 November 1943 to 1 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Edith M. Cady (Wife), 120 S. Roosevelt St., Green Bay, Wis.

Sergeant GORDON F. CARSON, (16168242), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 December 1943 to 20 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Gordon R. Carson (Father), 2506 Davisson St., Rover Grove, Ill.

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Second Lieutenant HAROLD P. CASTELL, (O-696426), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 8 May 1944 to 8 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. J. H. Castell (Wife), 287 Morris Ave., Inwood, Long Island, N. Y.

Sergeant CHARLES T. CONN, (15067829), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 14 February 1944 to 20 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lydia Conn (Mother), Wilmore, Ky.

Sergeant DONALD W. COOPER, (15107752), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 August 1943 to 23 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. D. W. Cooper (Wife), 1361 Popular St., Terre Haute, Ind.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD C. COVER, (O-728347), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 October 1943 to 31 December 1943. Home address: Mrs. Anthony Wilette (Mother-in-Law), 844½ Beech Ave., St Paul, Minn.

Private THOMAS J. COYLE, (7070899), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 February 1944 to 30 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Madeline Coyle (Mother), 95 Lexington Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM H. CULLEN, (O-811345), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 May 1944 to 4 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margaret B. Cullen (Wife), 42 Rockland St., Malone, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant DOMENICK O. DAL PONTE, (O-700436), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 May 1944 to 6 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna Nelo Dal Ponte (Mother), 223 E. 118th St., Chicago, Ill.

Second Lieutenant ANTHONY A. DRAGO, (O-812955), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 February 1944 to 10 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Angelo Drago (Father), 23 Woolbridge St., New London, Conn.


Technical Sergeant ROBERT K. ELAM, (14005214), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 20 January 1943 to 14 May 1944. Home address: Mr. J. E. Elam (Father), 648 Peyton St., Memphis, Tenn.

Sergeant FRANCIS J. FRIEL, (13112026), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 December 1943 to 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sarah M. Friel (Mother), 554 E. Geneva Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sergeant HENRY R. GAMO, (32367067), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 21 September 1943 to 4 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sadie Gamo (Mother), 371 Walnut Ave., Trenton, N. J.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights involved flying at low altitudes over mountainous terrain under adverse weather conditions in an unarmed transport airplane and often necessitated landing within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights are worthy of commendation.


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Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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