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AIR MEDAL

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:

Corporal WALTER J. GEUTHER, (12038692), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 December 1942 to 13 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alice M. Misenhelder (Mother), Rutherford Ave., Franklin, N. J.

Technical Sergeant JAMES W. HARTLINE, (6955099), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 23 February 1943 to 28 August 1943. Home address: Mrs. Vera Price (Mother), Route #1, Mount Pleasant, Tex.

Second Lieutenant RICHARD A. HARWICK, (0-698707), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 March 1944 to 11 May 1944. Home address: Mr. A. F. Harwick (Father), 912 McCandless St., New Kensington, Pa.

Staff Sergeant CLAUDE S. HAYS, JR., (6299739), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 January 1943 to 18 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Claude S. Hays, Jr. (Wife), 3328 - A, California Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Sergeant VIRGIL F. HILTNER, (35416510), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 September 1943 to 21 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ada N. Hiltner (Mother), RFB #1, Tunnel Hill, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant CECIL F. HOGAN, (32418474), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 September 1943 to 2 November 1943. Home address: Mrs. F. J. Hogan (Mother), 762 East 9th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant ERLING B. HOPKINS, JR., (0-685055), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 February 1944 to 15 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. A. Hopkins (Mother), 1561 West Southern Ave., Williamsport, Pa.

Second Lieutenant HAROLD S. HOWELL, (0-699307), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 5 May 1944 to 9 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Arlene Howell (Wife), 3907 S. W. 13th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Corporal WALTER H. JAEGER, (36251698), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 November 1943 to 26 February 1944. Home address: Mr. Otto Jaeger (Father), 1700 E. 6th St., Merrill, Wis.

Corporal EUGENE KIPP, (39562288), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 May 1944 to 9 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. May Foly (Mother), San Bernardino, Calif.

Second Lieutenant LELAND J. KLEUTSCH, (0-814090), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 November 1943 to 20 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. A. B. Kleutsch (Mother), 375 E. Ogden St., Medford, Wis.

Second Lieutenant WALTER D. KUHN, (0-806855), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 8 March 1944 to 11 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Hubert R. Kuhns (Father), 403 Telford Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

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Sergeant CHARLES O. LAINE, (11041240), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 18 October 1943 to 3 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Maybelle L. Laine (Mother), 97 Wadsworth St., Hartford, Conn.

Technical Sergeant JOSEPH R. LaLONDE, (3011126), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 4 July 1943 to 17 October 1943. Home address: Mrs. Clara LaLonde (Mother), 122 South 6th St., Saginaw, Mich.

Technical Sergeant THOMAS C. LOCKE, JR., (18106130), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 25 August 1943 to 13 March 1944. Home address: Mr. Thomas C. Locke Sr. (Father), 231 South Edith St., Pryor, Okla.

Second Lieutenant THOMAS E. NITRAUER, (O-806891), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 February 1944 to 17 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Elmer E. Nitrauer (Father), 3625 Park Ave., Covington, Ky.

Second Lieutenant HENRY L. PARTRIDGE, (O-700655), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 5 May 1944 to 12 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Catherine E. Partridge (Wife), 1810 Ott St., Savannah, Ga.

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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