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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

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), a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Air Medal, is awarded by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ESTLE M. MILLS, JR., (O-669771), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 April 1944 to 27 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. E. M. Mills (Mother), 421 W. arbutus St., Compton, Calif.

First Lieutenant JULIAN E. NEUBAUER, (O-804862), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 17 May 1944 to 14 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ben Frackman (Mother), 2935 North Bay Rd., Miami Beach, Fla.

Second Lieutenant JAMES N. OLIVEROS, (O-672377), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 March 1944 to 20 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. B. Owen (Mother), 2017 Isabella St., Houston, Tex.

First Lieutenant KARL E. PETERS, (O-665605), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 March 1944 to 7 May 1944. Home address: Mr. Frank C. Peters (Father), Faxson, Okla.

Second Lieutenant DONALD L. PYKE, (O-814132), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 April 1944 to 28 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Esther S. Pyke (Mother), 1014 South St., Lafayette, Ind.

Second Lieutenant EUGENE H. RICHARDS, (O-804873), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 14 February 1944 to 15 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sue C. Richards (Wife), 216 West Franklin St., Toccoa, Ga.

First Lieutenant ROY H. SKEENS, (O-740965), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 November 1943 to 15 January 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bud Anderson (Sister), 1130 24th St., Richmond, Calif.

Staff Sergeant JAMES V. SHERLOCK, (39171925), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 26 March 1944 to 12 June 1944. Home address: Mr. R. W. Sherlock (Brother), West Port, Wash.

Sergeant EDWARD J. SIMONI, (31169005), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 11 April 1944 to 27 May 1944. Home address: Mr. John V. Simoni (Father), 63 River St., East Haven, Conn.

Staff Sergeant JAMES T. SMYLIE, (32374182), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 4 March 1944 to 2 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Smylie (Mother), 128 Campbell Rd., Schenectady, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant JAMES B. STEELE, (O-811786), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 5 February 1944 to 18 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. Brice Steele (Mother), 410 High St., Paris, Ky.

Captain GENE STONEBURNER, (O-432663), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 13 May 1944 to 9 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Adelaide T. Stoneburner (Wife), Hillwood Rd., Springhill, Mobile, Ala.

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Second Lieutenant JOE W. STOUT, (0-814156), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 February 1944 to 14 April 1944. Home address: Miss. Helen M. Stout (Sister), Rural Route #1, Yale, Okla.

Staff Sergeant WALTER C. SUDANT, (31157081), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 5 December 1943 to 17 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Adam Sudant (Father), 34 Parkdale St., Somerville, Mass.

Second Lieutenant EARL THOMPSON, (0-806549), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 4 April 1944 to 9 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. G. Thompson (Mother), 1521 Jackson, San Francisco, Calif.

Corporal WILLIAM W. TUSTIN, (15086035), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 November 1943 to 22 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Nathe W. Tustin (Father), Francisville, Ill.

Second Lieutenant CHARLES G. TYRANSKY, (0-799508), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 8 March 1944 to 3 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alex Tyransky (Mother), Nemaocolin, Pa.

Second Lieutenant CHARLES A. VOGEL, (0-680125), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 16 December 1943 to 22 March 1944. Home address: Mr. C. A. Vogel (Father), 14432 157th St., S. Jamaica, N. Y.

Sergeant WILLIAM H. WALKER, JR., (33221070), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 January 1944 to 10 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. A. L. Walker (Mother), 213 Chestnut St., Suffolk, Va.

Second Lieutenant JAMES WALSH, JR., (0-677361), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 February 1944 to 5 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alex Gullemin (Mother), Bullet Hole Rd., Molapac, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD B. WATLAND, (0-814178), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 8 March 1944 to 28 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Effie Watland (Mother), 328 E. Broadway, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

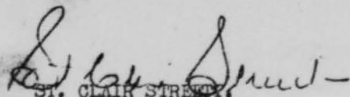
Technical Sergeant EDWARD F. WEISHAAR, (15333852), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 11 April 1944 to 10 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Belle Weishaar (Mother), Wagner, Okla.

Second Lieutenant HAROLD C. WILKENING, (0-680132), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 February 1944 to 25 March 1944. Home address: Mr. William Wilkening (Father), 18 Willowbrook Rd, Port Rich, Staten Island, N. Y.

Staff Sergeant JESSE L. WILMOT, (37348842), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 May 1944 to 6 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Seraphine B. Wilmot (wife), 2819 Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

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.



ST. CLAIR STREET,
Major General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

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