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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 Septymber 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 man:

Captain <u>WILLIAM D. FEWNELL</u>, (0-729153), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 February 1944 to 4 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. William D. Fennell (Wife), 2933 Iowa Ave., Fresno, Calif.

Second Lieutenant <u>JAMES N. OLIVEROS</u>, (0-672397), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 20 April 1944 to 6 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. S. Owen (Mother), 2017 Isabella St., Houston, Tex.

Staff Sergeant <u>JAMES STANLEY</u>, <u>JR.</u>, (12141856), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight misgions from 12 January 1944 to 2 June 1944. Home address: Mr. James Stanley, Sr. (Fathor), 2362 L on Ave., New York, N. Y.

First Lieutenant JOHN J. TRACY, (0-798916), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 15 January 1944 to 21 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Tracy (Mother), 458 78th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The extation is as follows:

For moritorious 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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