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I. 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, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officers:

Captain PAUL E. CHILDS, (0434737), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 August 1944 to 26 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie A. Childs (Wife), 225 Blue Bonnet Blvd., San Antonio 2, Texas.

Second Lieutenant JOHN R. REIMER, JR., (02060849), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 September 1944 to 26 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. John R. Reimer (Mother), 207 Main St., Oshkosh, Wis.

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. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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.

II. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant EDWARD B. WATLAND by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 628, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 27 April 1944, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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).

1. OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD B. WATLAND, (0814178), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 May 1944 to 31 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. Effie Watland (Mother), 328 East Broadway, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

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2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant EDWARD B. WATLAND, (0814178), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 September 1944 to 12 December 1944.

Home address: Mrs. Effie Watland (Mother), 328 East Broadway, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

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. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Lieutenant Watland during these flights are worthy of commendation.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officers, by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 56, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, dated 9 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to them by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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).

Second Lieutenant ERNEST S. KING, (0698441), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 September 1944 to 20 December 1944.

Home address: Mrs. Frances M. King (Wife), Route #1, Box 160, Elma, Wash.

Second Lieutenant ADOLPH V. LORIO, (0697882), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 November 1944 to 21 December 1944.

Home address: Mrs. Ida N. Lorio (Wife), Luling, La.

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. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant JOHN P. BRYNILDSEN by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 424, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 22 November 1943, a fourth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant JOHN P. BRYNILDSEN, (0804928), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 28 May 1944 to 10 September 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Lieutenant Brynildsen during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mr. Palmer A. Brynildsen, Sr., (Father), 480 Clinton Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain CLAIR W. CHELLBERG by the Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, as published in General Orders No. 43, Headquarters, Fifth Air Force, dated 16 January 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

Captain CLAIR W. CHELLBERG, (0734535), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 16 November 1943 to 28 March 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Captain Chellberg during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Clair Chellberg (Wife), 306 Marshall St., Gary, Ind.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain DICK R. LONGINO, JR., by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 211, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, dated 22 September 1944, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

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Captain DICK R. LONGINO, JR., (0399666), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 19 July 1944 to 5 November 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Captain Longino during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Maggie J. Longino (Wife), 1344 Lanier Blvd., Atlanta, Ga.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant HARRY REICH by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces (P), as published in Section I, General Orders No. 37, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 29 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

Technical Sergeant HARRY REICH, (12125265), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 19 June 1944 to 29 September 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Sergeant Reich during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Julia Reich (Wife), 30 Seaman Ave., New York, N.Y.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant JOHN J. RIORDAN by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 817, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 22 May 1944, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant JOHN J. RIORDAN, (0463874), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 29 August 1944 to 18 December 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Lieutenant Riordan during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Mayme Riordan (Mother), 221 East LaFayette St., Ottawa, Ill.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Major RAYMOND M. SMITH by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 343, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 28 October 1943 a fourth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

Major RAYMOND M. SMITH, (0403655), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 3 January 1944 to 10 September 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Major Smith during these flights are worthy of commendation. Home address: Mrs. Veronica T. Smith (Wife), 50 Forest Lawn Ave., Stamford, Conn.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant JOE W. STOUT, by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 613, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 25 April 1944, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant JOE W. STOUT, (0814156), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 4 September 1944 to 29 November 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Lieutenant Stout during these flights are worthy of commendation. Home address: Miss Helen M. Stout (Sister), Yale, Okla.

III. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant ROGER J. BENSON, by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 484, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 13 December 1943, a fifth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is posthumously awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

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First Lieutenant ROGER J. BENSON, (0740030), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 23 April 1944 to 9 September 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Lieutenant Benson during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Next-of-kin: Mrs. Frances E. Benson (Mother), White Bear Lake, Minn.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant LAURENCE A. GRAZIN by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 1050, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 7 July 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is posthumously awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant LAURENCE A. GRAZIN, (0753510), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 12 April 1944 to 17 June 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 by Lieutenant Grazin during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Next-of-kin: Mr. Cris Grazin (Father), Loman Route, International Falls, Minn.

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