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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant NORMAN E. BAXTER by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 623, Headquarters, dated 26 April 1944, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, 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: *amended by EC. 27 dated 1945*

Second Lieutenant NORMAN E. BAXTER, (O-740343), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 12 February 1944 to 10 April 1944, 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 by Lieutenant Baxter during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mr. Eugene Baxter (Father), Clearfield, Iowa.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant EMORY A. BECKHAM by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 91, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 15 January 1944, a sixth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1944 (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 EMORY A. BECKHAM, (O-800311), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 10 April 1944 to 28 May 1944, 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 by Lieutenant Beckham during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. J. H. Beckham (Mother), 301 N. Church St., Dublin, Ga.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Sergeant JOHN W. BENDER by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, as published in General Orders No. 251, Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, dated 17 December 1944, a first Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, 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:

Sergeant JOHN W. BENDER, (13128544), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 1 May 1944 to 8 June 1944, 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 by Sergeant Bender during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Miss. Mary Bender (Sister), 946 W. 23rd St., Erie, Pa.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant STUART BERNSTEIN by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, as published in General Orders No. 251, Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, dated 17 December 1944, a third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, 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 STUART BERNSTEIN, (O-814009), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 30 November 1943 to 17 March 1944, 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 by Lieutenant Bernstein during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mr. Eugene Bernstein (Father), 77 W. Washington, Chicago, Ill.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant BUFORD C. BLOUNT by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 623, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 26 April 1944, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to him by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, 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 BUFORD C. BLOUNT, (O-800314), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 January 1944 to 3 March 1944.
Home address: Dr. E. N. Blount (Father), Bassfield, Miss.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant BUFORD C. BLOUNT, (O-800314), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 4 March 1944 to 22 April 1944.
Home address: Dr. E. N. Blount (Father), Bassfield, Miss.

3. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant BUFORD C. BLOUNT, (O-800314), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 April 1944 to 10 June 1944.
Home address: Dr. E. N. Blount (Father), Bassfield, Miss.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South 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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