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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain DUNCAN M. FERGUSON by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 526, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 23 December 1943, 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.

✓ Captain DUNCAN M. FERGUSON, (G-670869), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 18 January 1944 to 1 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. E. R. Ferguson (Wife), 1116 S. Main, Athol, Mass.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Captain DUNCAN M. FERGUSON, (O-670869), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 April 1944 to 6 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. E. R. Ferguson (Wife), 1116 S. Main, Athol, Mass.

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.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Sergeant PHILIP R. FRANCKE by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 510, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 10 April 1944, a fifth 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 PHILIP R. FRANCKE, (37434850), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 12 May 1944 to 7 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 Francke during these flights are worthy of commendation. Home address: Mrs. Mary Emily Francke (Mother), 1421 43rd St., Des Moines, Iowa.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant BRUCE R. GROESBECK 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).

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1. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant BRUCE R. GROESBECK, (O-669710), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 January 1944 to 12 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. C. Burke (Mother), 306 E. Oliver St., Phoenix, Ariz.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant BRUCE R. GROESBECK, (O-669710), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 15 February 1944 to 26 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. C. Burke (Mother), 306 E. Oliver St., Phoenix, Ariz.

3. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

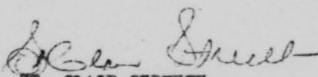
✓ Second Lieutenant BRUCE R. GROESBECK, (O-669710), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 March 1944 to 30 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. C. Burke (Mother), 306 E. Oliver St., Phoenix, Ariz.

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.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant RALPH M. HARDIN by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 1042, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 5 July 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:

✓ Second Lieutenant RALPH M. HARDIN, (O-745676), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 14 December 1943 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 Hardin during these flights are worthy of commendation. Home address: Mrs. Marie E. Hardin (Wife), 3964 Sullivan Ave., St. Louis, Mo.


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