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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant ERLAND J. JOHNSON by the Commanding General, USAFISRA, as published in General Orders No. 348, Headquarters, USAFISRA, dated 3 March 1944, a fourth 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 ERLAND J. JOHNSON, (O-740207), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 17 May 1944 to 13 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 Lieutenant Johnson during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mr. Alfred Johnson (Father), Grenora, N. Dak.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Sergeant LaVERNE C. JOHNSON by the Commanding General, USAFISRA, as published in General Orders No. 511, Headquarters, USAFISRA, dated 10 April 1944, a fourth 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 LaVERNE C. JOHNSON, (32381394), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 20 April 1944 to 12 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 Johnson during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Helen Cronkite (Landlord), 335 Crestwood Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant ERLAND J. KLEUTSCH by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, as published in General Orders No. 252, Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, dated 18 December 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 ERLAND J. KLEUTSCH, (O-814090), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 1 December 1943 to 4 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 Kleutsch during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. A. B. Kleutsch (Mother), 375 E. Ogden St., Medford, Wis.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant HEMDRICK A. LACH by the Commanding General, USAFISFA, as published in General Orders No. 183, Headquarters, USAFISFA, dated 17 July 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.

✓ Technical Sergeant HEMDRICK A. LACH, (11008956), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 December 1942 to 9 October 1943. Home address: Mrs. Paul Lach (Mother), 23 Beverly St., Willimansett, Mass.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Technical Sergeant HEMDRICK A. LACH, (11008956), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 October 1943 to 9 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Paul Lach (Mother), 23 Beverly St., Willimansett, Mass.

3. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Technical Sergeant HEMDRICK A. LACH, (11008956), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 January 1944 to 7 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Paul Lach (Mother), 23 Beverly St., Willimansett, 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 Second Lieutenant DEAN E. LEMING by the Commanding General, USAFISFA, as published in General Orders No. 731, Headquarters, USAFISFA, dated 10 May 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 DEAN E. LEMING, (O-804003), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions from 27 March 1944 to 3 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 Lieutenant Leming during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. L. J. Leming (Wife), Kentland, Ind.

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