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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant LEWIS J. MENDENHALL by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 348, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 3 March 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. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant LEWIS J. MENDENHALL, (0-740245), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 August 1943 to 12 December 1943. Home address: Mrs. M. W. Mendenhall (Mother), 104 N. Maguerita Ave., Alhambra, Calif.

2. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant LEWIS J. MENDENHALL, (0-740245), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 19 December 1943 to 10 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. W. Mendenhall (Mother), 104 N. Maguerita Ave., Alhambra, Calif.

3. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant LEWIS J. MENDENHALL, (0-740245), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 11 February 1944 to 21 March 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. W. Mendenhall (Mother), 104 N. Maguerita Ave., Alhambra, Calif.

4. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant LEWIS J. MENDENHALL, (0-740245), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 March 1944 to 2 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. M. W. Mendenhall (Mother), 104 N. Maguerita Ave., Alhambra, Calif.

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 Private First Class JAMES M. OWENS by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 124, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 23 January 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:

✓ Private First Class JAMES M. OWENS, (34407586), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational

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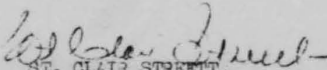
flight missions in the South Pacific area from 2 February 1944 to 7 June 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights involved flying at low altitudes over mountainous terrain under adverse weather conditions in an unarmed transport airplane and often necessitated landing within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Owens during these flights are worthy of commendation.  
Home address: Mr. F. J. Owens (Father), 6417 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain CLARE C. PARK, JR., 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, 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:

✓ Captain CLARE C. PARK, JR., (O-660749), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 15 November 1943 to 2 January 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 Captain Park during these flights are worthy of commendation.  
Home address: Mr. Clare C. Park (Father), 819 Metropolis St., Metropolis, Ill.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant BEN J. PETMOCKY, JR., by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, as published in General Orders No. 253, Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, dated 18 December 1944, a 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 BEN J. PETMOCKY, JR., (O-757269), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 22 April 1944 to 5 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 Petmocky during these flights are worthy of commendation.  
Home address: Mrs. Ida M. Petmocky (Mother), Post Office Box 383, Lytle, Tex.

  
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