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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

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, 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. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ First Lieutenant JOHN J. RIORDAN, (O-463874), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 January 1944 to 27 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mayme Riordan (Mother), 221 East Lafayette St., Ottawa, Ill.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ First Lieutenant JOHN J. RIORDAN, (O-463874), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 February 1944 to 21 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mayme Riordan (Mother), 221 East Lafayette St., Ottawa, Ill.

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 EDDIE RODE by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 509, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 18 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. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant EDDIE RODE, (O-670619), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 18 September 1943 to 28 November 1943. Home address: Mrs. Mary Rode (Mother), 1126 Wadsworth Ave., North Chicago, Ill.

2. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ Second Lieutenant EDDIE RODE, (O-670619), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 13 January 1944 to 14 February 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Rode (Mother), 1126 Wadsworth Ave., North Chicago, Ill.

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 moun-

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tainous 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 BERNIE A. RUSSO by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 1061, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 11 July 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.

✓ Sergeant BERNIE A. RUSSO, (12092445), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 14 December 1943 to 17 March 1944. Home address: Mr. Benodetto Russo (Father), 1138 Fteley, Bronx, N. Y.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

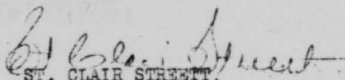
✓ Sergeant BERNIE A. RUSSO, (12092445), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 15 April 1944 to 12 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Benodetto Russo (Father), 1138 Fteley, Bronx, N. Y.

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 JOHN G. SCHMITT by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 768, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 15 May 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 JOHN G. SCHMITT, (0-814444), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 9 March 1944 to 29 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 Schmitt during these flights are worthy of commendation. Home address: Mr. Carl L. Schmitt (Father), 3128 Scanton Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

  
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