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I. AIR MEDAL. By direction of the President, 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), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant DONALD H. BLACK, (37527552), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 November 1944 to 15 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Helen J. Black (Mother), 328 Grape St., Montebello, Calif.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. BACKES, (36841677), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 20 December 1944 to 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. William P. Backes (Mother), 903 N. Richmons St., Appleton, Wis.

Corporal CHARLES W. DAUBACH, (13141527), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 December 1944 to 23 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Hubert F. Daubach (Father), RFD #3, Box #201, Easton, Md.

Sergeant EMMETT C. DILLARD, (18157241), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 20 December 1944 to 29 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Hardy E. Dillard (Father), Dilley, Tex.

Technical Sergeant JACK G. FINLEY, (6264811), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 December 1944 to 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. E. L. Burkett (Mother), 906 N. Washington St., Ardmore, Okla.

Sergeant ARTHUR P. GEHRMANN, JR., (33920479), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 December 1944 to 17 January 1945. Home address: Mr. Arthur P. Gehrman (Father), 1823 Woodward Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Corporal BILL G. GORDON, (35223330), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 December 1944 to 29 January 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Flo Gordon (Mother), Route #1, New Lixington, Ohio.

Sergeant THOMAS E. MEADOWS, JR., (13180906), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 December 1944 to 24 January 1945.

Home address: Mrs. T. E. Meadows (Mother), 204 Briggs St., Emporia, Va.

Sergeant EDWIN S. MUSCARELLA, (13189414), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 6 December 1944 to 24 January 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Alta B. Lloyd (Mother), 656 Spruce St., Sharon, Pa.

Staff Sergeant FREEMAN A. NEUSCHWANGER, (16033082), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 December 1944 to 29 January 1945.

Home address: Mrs. Ruth Neuschwanger (Mother), 321 S. Mill St., Mt. Carroll, Ill.

Second Lieutenant LAWRENCE J. STURM, (02056488), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 13 January 1945 to 29 January 1945.

Home address: Mr. Otto N. Sturm (Father), 2317 East 48th St., Kansas City, Mo.

Staff Sergeant GERLOF SYPERDA, (32767505), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 December 1944 to 29 January 1945.

Home address: Mrs. J. Syperda (Mother), 10 Tilt St., Haledon, Paterson, N.J.

Corporal HAROLD A. SWEENEY, (31278748), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 22 December 1944 to 29 January 1945.

Home address: Mr. F. J. Sweeney (Father), Olga Ave., Wilson, Conn.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of bombing missions against enemy airdromes and installations and attacks on enemy naval vessels and shipping. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights are worthy of commendation.

By direction of the President, 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), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant MITCHELL BRAVOS, (39128252), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 February 1944 to 29 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Angelina Bravos (Mother), 74 Woodward St., San Francisco, Calif.

Staff Sergeant JOHN E. SPICER, (32286473), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 24 September 1943 to 25 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Spicer (Mother), 825 E. Second St., Elmira, N.Y.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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.

II. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain JESSE C. AMMONS by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 42, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 22 November 1943, a sixth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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).

Captain JESSE C. AMMONS, (0669435), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 23 May 1944 to 27 January 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 Ammons during these flights are worthy of commendation. Home address: Mrs. J. W. Ammons (Mother), 505 Lytle Ave., Kerrville, Tex.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant DONALD W. COOPER by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, as published in General Orders No. 251, Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, 17 December 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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:

Staff Sergeant DONALD W. COOPER, (15107752), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 24 May 1944 to 26 January 1945., during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 Cooper during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mrs. Donald W. Cooper, (Wife), 1361 Poplar St., Terre Haute, Ind.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant WILLIAM T. EVANS by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 491, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 6 April 1944, a fourth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order 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 WILLIAM T. EVANS, (0810127), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 11 November 1944 to 21 December 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 Evans during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mrs. Shirley J. Evans (Wife), 22 Mayer St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant LOUIS FORBES, JR. by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 998, Headquarters, USFISPA, 24 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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:

First Lieutenant LOUIS FORBES, JR., (0692899), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 27 April 1944 to 24 January 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 Forbes during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mrs. Louis Forbes (Mother), 715 E. Smith St., Tucumcari, N. Mex.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant HAROLD S. HOWELL by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force as published in General Orders No. 252, Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, 18 December 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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 HAROLD S. HOWELL, (0699307), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 5 November 1944 to 19 December 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 Howell during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mrs. Arlene Howell (Wife), 3907 S.W. Thirteenth St., Des Moines, Iowa.

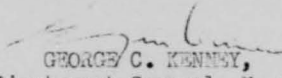
By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant JOHN E. KEATOR by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 522, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 12 April 1944, a third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, 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:

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First Lieutenant JOHN E. KEATOR, (0669481), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 6 May 1944 to 26 January 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 Keator during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Anna E. Keator (Mother), 88 Groton Ave., Cortland, N.Y.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant HAROLD C. WILKENING by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 627, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 20 December 1944, a second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-1, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant HAROLD C. WILKENING, (0680132), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 25 March 1944 to 28 January 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. Supplies were dropped and troops transported to advanced positions. 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 Wilkening during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Margaret A. Wilkening (Wife), 215 Treadwell Ave., Staten Island, N.Y.


GEORGE C. KENNEY,
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