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AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) -- Awards to Personnel Missing in Action.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant CARL F. COPELAND, missing in action, by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 613, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 26 April 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 CARL F. COPELAND, (O-811318), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 16 February 1944 to 18 April 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights involved flying at low altitudes over mountainous terrain under diverse 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 Copeland during these flights are worthy of commendation.  
Home address: Mrs. Janet K. Copeland (Wife), San Diego Club, San Diego, Calif.

By direction of the president, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant BERNARD P. KING, missing in action, by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 573, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 19 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).

1. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant BERNARD P. KING, (O-669736), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 11 February 1944 to 8 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor L. King (Wife), 16 Depot St., Gouverneur, N. Y.

2. SECOND OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant BERNARD P. KING, (O-669736), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 15 April 1944 to 11 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor L. King (Wife), 16 Depot St., Gouverneur, 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 unarmed transport airplanes and often necessitated landing within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant King during these flights are worthy of commendation.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Sergeant RALPH D. RYLANDER, missing in action, by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 698, Headquarters, USAFISPA, dated 6 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:

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✓ Sergeant RALPH D. RYLANDER, (13068907), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 27 February 1944 to 26 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 Sergeant Rylander during these flights are worthy of commendation.  
Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Rylander (Wife), 623 Spruce St., Irwin, Pa.

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