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#### AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Bedat swarded to the following named officers by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 935, Headquarters, USAFISPA, Duno 1948, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them by the Commanding General, C Far East Air Forces, under the provisions of Executive Order 10, 9158, 2 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as anended by Executive Grder No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

#### 1. OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

First Lieutenant RICHARD B. SMITH, (0689280), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 21 April 1944 to 27 November 1944. Home address: Mr. Byron A. Smith (Father), 945 Narraganseth Parkway, Warwick, R.I.

#### 2. SECOND OAK-I, EAF CLUSTER.

First Lieutenant EDWARD R. HANSON, (0812811), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 29 April 1944 to 12 November 1944. Home address: Mrs. Florence M. Foley (Mother), 87 Dummer, Bath, Me.

First Lieutenant GLENNON H. WITTERODT, (0754266), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 1 May 1944 to 16 November 1944.

Home address: Mrs. H. Wittbrodt (Mother), 2945 Dodier, St. Louis, Mo.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included escerting benders and transport aircraft, interception and attack missions, and patrol and reconnaissance flights. In the course of these operations, strafing and bending attacks were made from dangerously low altitudes, destroying and damaging enemy installations and equipment. 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 the following named officers by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 193, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 4 February 1944, Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters are awarded to them 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).

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#### 1. SIXTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Major WILLIAM R. COWPER, JR., (0437218), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 9 October 1944 to 20 December 1944. Home address: Mrs. W. R. Cowper, Sr. (Mother), Gatesville, N.C.

#### 2. SEVENTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Captain JOHN R. GREGOR, (0796134), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 3 May 1944 to 1 December 1944. Home address: Mr. John A. Gregor (Father), 78 M. Sheridan St., McAdoo, Pa.

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 included escerting bombers and transport aircraft, interception and attack missions, and patrol and reconnaissance flights. In the course of these operations, strafing and bombing attacks were made from dangerously low altitudes, destroying and damaging enemy installations and equipment. 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 First Lieutenant JOHN HAGGARTY by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 217, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 8 February 1944, a seventh 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 JOHN HAGGARTY, (0801691), Air Corps, United States Army. For moritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 9 September 1944 to 16 November 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included escorting bombers and transport aircraft, interception and attack missions, and patrol and reconnaissance flights. In the course of these operations, strafing and bombing attacks were made from dangerously low altitudes, destroying and damaging enemy installations and equipment. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Haggarty during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mr. Robert Haggarty (Father), 219 Felice St., Wyandotte, Mich.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant HOMER J. TENNANT by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 944, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 12 June 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-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

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First Lieutenant HOMER J. THOMANT, (0754232), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 1 May 1944 to 12 November 1944, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations included escorting bombers and transport aircraft, interception and attack missions, and patrol and reconnaissance flights. In the course of these operations, strafing and bombing attacks were made from dangerously low altitudes, destroying and damaging enemy installations and equipment. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Tennant during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Tennant (Mother), R.F.D. #2, Fairmount, W.Va.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Sergeant JOE G. FRADEN by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 1050, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 8 July 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:

Sergeant JOE G. FRADEM, (34248120), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 7 April 1944 to 9 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 Freden during these flights are worthy of commendation.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant CECIL F. HOGAN by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, as published in General Orders No. 252. Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, 18 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-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Home address: Mr. Harry Fraden (Father), 433 W. Eighth St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Staff Sergeant CECIL F. HOGAN, (32418474), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 10 May 1944 to 30 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 Sergeant Hogan during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mrs. F. J. Hogan (Mother), 762 E. Ninth St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant ERLING A. NASSET by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 511, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 19 December 1943, 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:

First Lieutenant ERLING A. MASSET, (0740887), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 10 March 1944 to 7 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 Masset during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mr. Mognus I. Nasset (Father), New England, S.D.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant WILLIAM H. MACHIE by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in Section II, General Orders No. 768, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 15 May 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, 10, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM H. MACHIE, (0814101), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 28 May 1944 to 10 November 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 Machie during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Miss R. H. Machie (Sister), 318 Elm St., Manasha, Wis.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant THOMAS W. SELLERS by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 91, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 15 January 1944, a fifth Bronze Oak-Loaf 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, MD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, ND, 1942). The citation is as follows:

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First Lieutenant THOMAS W. SELLERS. (0462616), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area from 26 August 1944 to 30 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 Lioutenant Sellers during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mrs. E. T. Sellers (Mother), 2555 Laurel Road, Jacksonville, Fla.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named enlisted men by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 138, Headquarters, USAFISPA, 26 January 1944, a third Bronze Oak-Leef Cluster is awarded to them 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).

Technician Third Grade JOHN A. DUFFY, JR., (33295698), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 25 April 1944 to 22 December 1944.

Home address: Mrs. Helen A. Duffy (Mother), 356 Ellsworth St., Sharon, Pa.

Technician Third Grade CHARLES SEIPPEL, (33289385), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 12 October 1943 to 1 December 1944.

Home address: Mr. William B. Seippel (Father), 505 Foreland St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The citation is as follows:

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas during which hostile contact was probable and expected. 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 HELENA T. ILIC by the Commanding General, Thirteenth Air Force, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 265, Headquarters, Thirteenth Air Force, 22 December 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to her 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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Second Lieutenant HELENA T. ILIC, (N787271), Army Nurse Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas from 4 May 1944 to 2 January 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Ilic during these flights are worthy of commendation.

Home address: Mr. John Ilic (Father), 195 Tenth Ave., New York, N.Y.

GEORGY C. KENNEY, Lioutenant General, U.S. Army, Commanding.

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