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I. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) - Corrections in General Orders. So much of General Orders No. 1182, this headquarters, 30 Nov 44, pertaining to SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT R. NIVER, (O-796862), and General Orders No. 131, 9 Feb 45, pertaining to SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES D. STEELE, (O-811786), are revoked.

II. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT R. NIVER by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 34, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, dated 5 January 1945, 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 ROBERT R. NIVER, (O-796862), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South Pacific area from 3 May 1944 to 20 May 1944, 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 by SECOND LIEUTENANT NIVER during these flights are worthy of commendation.
Home address: Mrs. Mabel Z. Niver (Mother), 1321 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES D. STEELE by the Commanding General, USAFISPA, as published in General Orders No. 628, USAFISPA, dated 27 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. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES D. STEELE, (O-811786), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 20 March 1944 to 8 May 1944.
Home address: Mrs. Druce Steele (Mother), 410 High St., Paris, Ky.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

✓ SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES D. STEELE, (O-811786), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 9 May 1944 to 14 June 1944.
Home address: Mrs. Druce Steele (Mother), 410 High St., Paris, Ky.

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 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.

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✓ III. AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS. So much of GO No. 116, this headquarters, 6 Feb 45, announcing the award of the second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal to FIRST LIEUTENANT NORMAN E. DAXTER, (O-740343), is amended to read "third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

✓ So much of GO No. 51, this headquarters, 19 Jan 45, announcing the award of the fourth and fifth Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters in lieu of an additional Air Medal to Staff Sergeant James F. Prestelli, (13110328), is amended to read "fifth and sixth Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

✓ So much of GO No. 120, this headquarters, 7 Feb 45, announcing the award of the first and second Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters in lieu of an additional Air Medal to FIRST LIEUTENANT STAN D. DONNELLY, (O-685558), is amended to read "third and fourth Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

✓ So much of GO No. 96, this headquarters, 30 Jan 45, announcing the award of the fifth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal to FIRST LIEUTENANT TONI DURANTINE, (O-741838), is amended to read "sixth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

✓ So much of GO No. 122, this headquarters, 7 Feb 45, announcing the award of the third and fourth Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters in lieu of an additional Air Medal to SECOND LIEUTENANT JOSEPH D. HOOD, (O-1686365), is amended to read "second and third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

✓ So much of GO No. 123, this headquarters, 6 Feb 45, announcing the award of the second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal to SECOND LIEUTENANT LELAND J. KLEUTSCH, (O-814090), is amended to read "third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

✓ So much of GO No. 147, this headquarters, 12 Feb 45, announcing the award of the third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal to Technical Sergeant Hubert J. Kowalewski, (13102815), is amended to read "second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

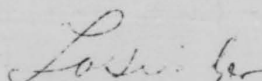
✓ So much of GO No. 147, this headquarters, 12 Feb 45, announcing the award of the third Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal to FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT R. NIVER, (O-796862), is amended to read "second Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

✓ So much of GO No. 108, this headquarters, 2 Feb 45, announcing the award of the seventh Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal to Staff Sergeant William I. West, Jr., (14050206), is amended to read "sixth Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu of an additional Air Medal".

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