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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 officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant DONALD F. McKEON, (0693867), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 April 1945 to 25 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Frank McKeon (Father), 130 Main St., South Hadley Falls, Mass.

Second Lieutenant LAVERN M. MELLSTROM, (0711763), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 April 1945 to 25 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Jonas M. Mellstrom (Father), Box 103, Salol, Minn.

Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE M. MORRISON, (37379643), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 5 May 1945 to 27 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Morrison (Aunt), 1039 Blendon Place, St. Louis, Mo.

Sergeant EDWARD J. REINHOLTZ, (36291966), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 25 April 1945 to 30 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Augusta M. Reinholtz (Mother), 422 North 28th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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 patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

II. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 163, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 28 January 1945, a 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. 9242-4, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942).

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1. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Sergeant JOSEPH W. GUTMANN, (36073409), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 28 April 1945 to 30 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Gutmann (Mother), Ashland, Ill.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant ELMER L. COLLINS, (16147072), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 30 April 1945 to 29 May 1945. Home address: Mr. Roy W. Collins (Father), Box 169, Rankin, Ill.

3. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Flight Officer IRVING SIPERSTEIN, (T128798), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 30 April 1945 to 20 May 1945. Home address: Mr. David Sipertein (Father), 281 Tauton Ave., Providence, R. I.

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 patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 977, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 1 June 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf 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).

Corporal EDWARD C. BAUMGARTNER, (36103400), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 30 April 1945 to 30 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Baumgartner (Wife), 5319 Botanical St., St. Louis, Mo.

Second Lieutenant FRANK W. CEVA, (0834379), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 19 April 1945 to 22 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Isabelle A. Ceva (Mother), 850 East 232 St., New York, N. Y.

Second Lieutenant ALBERT CHAFETZ, (0925738), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 2 May 1945 to 24 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Anna Chafetz (Mother), 3131 Augusta Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

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Sergeant CARL D'AGNESE, (11113607), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 18 April 1945 to 22 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Norma J. D'Agnese (Wife), 130 Spring St., Windsor Locks, Conn.

First Lieutenant ROBERT T. DAVIS, (0556923), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 30 April 1945 to 30 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Jean K. Davis (Wife), 1046 West 11th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

Second Lieutenant EARL HUTCHINGS, (0819819), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 19 April 1945 to 18 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Helen Hutchings (Mother), Orleans Road, Chatham, Mass.

Corporal DANIEL SPERBER, (12123458), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 18 April 1945 to 18 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Bessie Sperber (Mother), 1120-30 Brighten Beach Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sergeant DANIEL F. TROYER, (15099688), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 30 April 1945 to 30 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Opal L. Troyer (Wife), 1645 Parrish Ave., Owensboro, Ky.

Second Lieutenant JAMES F. WATKINS, JR., (02064363), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight mission from 2 May 1945 to 29 May 1945.  
Home address: Mrs. Minnie M. Watkins (Mother), 620 N. Findley, Box 151, Norman, Okla.

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 patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain PAUL E. CHILDS by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 121, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 19 January 1945, a fifth 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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Captain PAUL E. CHILDS, (0434737), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 2 May 1945 to 18 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Childs during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: Mrs. Marjorie A. Childs (Wife), 225 Blue Bonnet Blvd., San Antonio, Tex.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O. COLEMAN by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 666, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 2 May 1945, 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:

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM O. COLEMAN, (33350412), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 2 May 1945 to 26 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed Sergeant Coleman during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: Mrs. Mary O. Coleman (Mother), R. R. 1, Le Haysville, Penna.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant RONALD C. GIBSON by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 412, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 20 March 1945, 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:

Staff Sergeant RONALD C. GIBSON, (32372903), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 1 May 1945 to 28 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed Sergeant Gibson during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Peck (Mother), 44 Main St., Norwood, N. Y.

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By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant ALBERT A. KURTO by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 453, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 28 March 1945, 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:

Staff Sergeant ALBERT A. KURTO, (31173969), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 1 May 1945 to 29 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed Sergeant Kurto during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: Mr. Joseph Kurto (Brother), 25 Quincy St., Nashua, N. H.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Sergeant CARL J. SISCO by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 80, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 January 1945, a fourth 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:

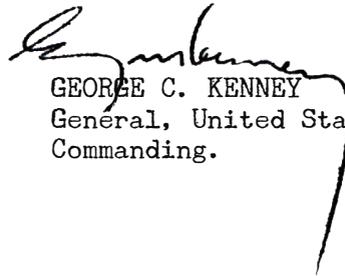
Sergeant CARL J. SISCO, (32385769), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 11 April 1945 to 21 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Sisco during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.  
Home address: Mrs. Rita Sisco (Wife), 211 East 17th St., Paterson, N. J.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain CHARLES F. TULLY, JR. by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 81, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 January 1945, a fifth 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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Captain CHARLES F. TULLY, JR., (0739871), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 2 May 1945 to 20 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of patrol and search missions and often involved landing in heavy seas within range of enemy fire to effect rescues of air crew members forced down by hostile action or operational failure. The courage and devotion to duty displayed Sergeant Kurto during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.

Home address: Mrs. Clara J. Tully (Wife), 1018 First St., Grand Island, Nebr.



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