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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 JAMES E. BEAVERS, (02065031), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 April 1945 to 24 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Bertine Sane (Mother), 115 N. Jefferson Ave., McGehee, Ark.

Sergeant FRED B. BERNARD, (33279634), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 March 1945 to 18 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Mary Bernard (Mother), 1631 Taylor Ave., Arnold, Penna.

Sergeant GEORGE F. BURNETT, JR., (14139414), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 April 1945 to 30 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Martha C. Burnett (Mother), Madison, Fla.

Sergeant FRANK J. COPE, (14061943), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 April 1945 to 25 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Cope (Wife), 507 Adams Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM J. LABONTE, (0815509), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 April 1945 to 9 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Elaine LaBonte (Wife), 1021 Third St., Marquette, Mich.

Corporal DONALD D. PALMER, (36732887), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 10 April 1945 to 29 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Edith N. Palmer (Mother) 629 N. Bowman Ave., Danville, Ill.

Second Lieutenant HENRY M. WOLLUM, (0711290), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 7 April 1945 to 30 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Henry Wollum (Wife), c/o Mrs. A.N. Gibbs, 301 Dixie St., Monroe, La.

The citation is as follows:

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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 Posthumous Award. 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 posthumously by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM E. THORNTON, (02064357), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 7 April 1945 to 30 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 Lieutenant Thornton during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.
Next of Kin: Mrs. Lura D. Thornton (Mother), Box 146, Route 9, Dallas, Tex.

III. AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to the following named officers by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 163, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 28 January 1945, 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).

1. THIRD OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant WARNER A. BRITTON, (0834363), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 20 March 1945 to 21 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Corah H. Britton (Mother), 215 W. Third St., Liberal, Kans.

2. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM V. KISSEL, (0828707), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 28 May 1945 to 21 June 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Helen Kissel (Mother), 29 Dickinson St., Binghamton, N.Y.

The citation is as follows:

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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 enlisted men by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in General Orders No. 80, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 12 January 1945, 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).

1. FOURTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Corporal JOHN H. ROWE, JR., (33630703), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 27 March 1945 to 18 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Rowe (Mother), 1124 Hull St., Richmond, Va.

2. FIFTH OAK-LEAF CLUSTER.

Staff Sergeant AUGUST V. ROZNOVSKY, (6289095), Air Corps, United States Army. For operational flight missions from 17 March 1945 to 16 May 1945. Home address: Miss Mary Roznovsky (Sister), c/o Mr. & Mrs. John Valla, Granger, Tex.

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 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 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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Corporal CLYDE B. ALMS, (35746878), Air Corps, United States Army.
For operational flight missions from 18 April 1945 to 12 May 1945.
Home address: Mrs. Nellie B. Alms (Mother), 329 Painter Ave., Greensburg,
Penna.

Staff Sergeant WEST M. COSS, (14036103), Air Corps, United States Army.
For operational flight missions from 31 March 1945 to 1 May 1945.
Home address; Mrs. Frances M. Coss (Mother), 1612 Sharpe, Ave., Nashville,
Tenn.

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 First Lieutenant JOYCE M. ALLY 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 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).

First Lieutenant JOYCE M. ALLY, (0686872), Air Corps, United States Army.
For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 10 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 Lieutenant Aly during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.
Home address; Mrs. Billy J. Aly (Wife), 2402 Lone Oak St., Houston, Tex.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant EUGENE FONTINELL 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:

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Second Lieutenant EUGENE FONTINELL, (02023992), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 30 March 1945 to 1 June 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 Lieutenant Fontinell during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.
Home address; Mr. Ernest Fontinell (Father), 233 13th St., Scranton, Penna.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Technical Sergeant GEORGE R. GRINDLE 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 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:

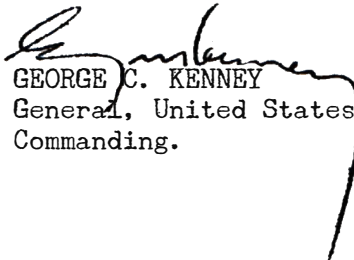
Technical Sergeant GEORGE R. GRINDLE, (6956664), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 27 March 1945 to 20 May 1945, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations 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 by Sergeant Grindle during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.
Home address; Mrs. Georgia N. Grindle (Mother), Route 2, Box 118,
Bartlesville, Okla.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to Captain CLARENCE L. SOLANDER by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, as published in Section I, General Orders No. 412, 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:

Captain CLARENCE L. SOLANDER, (0793024), Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area, from 12 March 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 by Captain Solander during these flights reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces.
Home address; Mrs. Clarence L. Solander (Wife), 511 Lincoln Ave.,
Stambaugh, Mich.

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IV. AIR MEDAL. So much of page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 1058, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, 6 June 1945, as pertains to Corporal CLYDE B. ALMS, (35746878), and Staff Sergeant WEST M. COSS, (14036103), is rescinded



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