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I. AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED-FLYING CROSS:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bull. 8, WD, 1926), a Distinguished-Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officer:

MATTHEW W. GLOSSINGER, (O-426829), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, Pilot, for extraordinary achievement while participating, during the period of 24 June to 10 September 1943, in five medium bomber strike sorties. All of these combat operational missions were of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was met, or during which an area was traversed where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. These flights make twenty-five of like nature in which he has participated. Previous recognition that Captain Glossinger has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces. Home Address: Dayton, Ohio.

II. AWARDS OF THE AIR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers and enlisted men for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat operational missions. Flights were of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was met, or during which an area was traversed where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. Each individual exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States.

CLARENCE C. HETZEL, JR., (O-382227), Captain, Medical Corps, United States Army, as group flight surgeon from 19 December 1943 to 5 January 1944. Home Address: Ogden, Utah.

EDWIN M. SHANKS, (O-659399), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, as pilot from 13 January to 10 February 1944. Home Address: Evanston, Illinois.

JOHN DULOCK, (36406410), Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial gunner from 16 November 1943 to 18 February 1944. Home Address: Ovid, Michigan.

DONALD E. WILKERSON, (39274868), Private First Class, Air Corps, United States Army, as aerial photographer from 31 December 1943 to 20 January 1944. Home Address: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

III. AWARDS OF THE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER (AIR MEDAL):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull. 25, WD. 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull. 49, WD. 1942), a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Air Medal, is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area, to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

BILL HARRIS, (O-732239), Captain, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as flight leader from 21 January to 6 February 1944, in sustained combat operational missions. Flights were of a hazardous nature during which an area was traversed where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective, or where enemy airplanes or exposure to enemy fire were habitually expected and in numerous instances encountered. **Captain Harris** exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Home Address: Springville, California.

HOWARD B. LEIBUNDGUTH, (O-739973), Second Lieutenant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as pilot from 22 September to 20 October 1943 in sustained aerial flights on transport missions. These flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. The services of Lieutenant Leibundguth reflect great credit on the Army Air Forces. Home Address: Chicago, Illinois.

LEO M. WAINMAN, (32390909), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating as aerial radio operator from 11 November to 13 December 1943, in sustained combat operational missions. Flights were of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was met, or during which an area was traversed where enemy antiaircraft fire was effective or where enemy fighter patrols were habitually encountered. Sergeant Wainman exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Home Address: Greenbush, New York.

IV. AMENDMENTS OF GENERAL ORDERS - AWARDS:

1. So much of paragraph 2, Section VI, General Orders, No. 526, this Headquarters, 1943, as mentions Section II, General Orders, No. 413, is amended to recite this correctly as Section II, General Orders, No. 415.

2. So much of Section II, General Orders, No. 19, this Headquarters, c.s., announcing the award of a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional Air Medal, to Lieutenant Colonel MARION D. UNRUH, (O-298478), is amended to show his status as missing in action. Next of Kin: Mrs. Yozelle D. Unruh, Wife, Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

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